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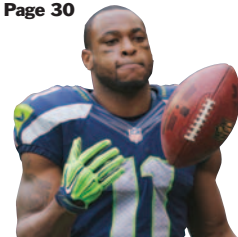
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## WE ARE NOT SAFE ANYWHERE

In Afghanistan's unfinished war, civilians pay the price

By JOSH SMITH  
*Stars and Stripes*

LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan — Mohammad Wazir is 12. Or maybe 13. He doesn't know for sure.

One thing is certain: Growing up in rural Helmand province, Mohammad has seen more war than anyone should, let alone a young boy.

So when a firefight broke out between the Taliban and Afghan forces in July, Mohammad knew the drill: He and his family fled. When they returned, however, they found that the Taliban had turned their farm into a fighting position, complete with foxholes dug inside the home.

A curious Mohammad jumped into one of the holes, and his world exploded.

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JOSH SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Mohammad Wazir was injured this summer when he stepped on an improvised bomb left in his family's home by insurgents in Helmand province, Afghanistan. With NATO combat troops leaving by the end of the year, a growing number of noncombatants are paying the price for the continuing insecurity in Afghanistan.

## Alternative therapies open up options for vets in pain

By EMILY WAX-TRIBUDEAUX  
*The Washington Post*

RICHMOND, Va. — The acupuncturist in his glow-in-the-dark yellow Crocs gently leaned over the burly and bearded Army special operations officer, who was stretched across a bed in the "zen den" of the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center.

The air was sweet with eucalyptus and peppermint aromatherapy. The lighting was warm, fluttering with the golden hue of battery-operated candles. A funky Indian elephant batik hung on the wall. The retired lieutenant colonel, who had been injured in a combat plane crash, inhaled and exhaled as the doctor pressed needles into his knees.

Like hundreds of veterans from across the country who have come to this VA hospital for treatment of chronic pain, panic attacks, traumatic injuries and other ailments, he said he was so fed up with taking heavy-duty painkillers that he was willing to try anything.

The alternative-therapy programs mark a dramatic departure in the treatment offered

to troops who are returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and seeking relief from pain.

Among the options: Equine therapy. Alpha stimulation. Qigong. Guided imagery. Life coaching. Yoga and Pilates. Hypnosis. Aqua therapy. Botox.

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"Honestly, we are kinda buckled up, expecting more criticism, because anything that takes off and anything that is successful, it becomes cool to hate that."

— Tyler Hubbard  
of Florida Georgia Line

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## WAR/MILITARY

## Afghan cultures clash at the top

New leaders' perspectives at odds when it comes to forming cabinet

By DARSAN RAGHAVAN

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Mohammad Mohaqiq thinks he's owed a lot for throwing his support behind Afghanistan's U.S.-brokered coalition government. The influential warlord-turned-politician expects nothing less than a fifth of all cabinet ministries and governorships for his ethnic group.

"Twenty to 22 percent," Mohaqiq said in an interview at his opulent, heavily guarded house, "should go to those from the Hazara community."

But President Ashraf Ghani and his close aides have vowed to fill government positions based on skills and competence — not ethnic or regional quotas.

The divide speaks to a clash of cultures and perspectives emerging within the 2-week-old government as it embarks on the difficult task of forging a new bureaucracy in the weeks ahead. At stake is the future of this fragile nation, beset by economic woes and insecurity, as most foreign troops leave its soil by year's end and the Taliban Islamist insurgency remains a potent threat.

Ghani, an American-educated technocrat who cites Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon B. Johnson as his influences, wants to enact reforms and create a modern government run by experienced civil servants accountable to the people. But he has to contend with the high expectations of dozens of powerful individuals under him, some with nefarious pasts, who helped him attain the presidency. They are steeped in the traditional ways of Afghan politics, driven by ethnicity, patronage and enormous egos.

Many Afghans question whether Ghani can effectively work with Abdullah Abdullah, his political rival who is now his partner in the power-sharing government. "This is the honeymoon period. The hard part will be when Ghani starts replacing ministers," said a senior Western official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of diplomatic protocol.

"He's going to have to overlay Abdullah's patronage network into a reform-minded agenda, and there's going to be a natural rub. Ghani wants competent and qualified ministers and officials. Abdullah is more about the old-school Afghan network."

The pair, diplomats and analysts said, will need to rein in the demands and ambitions of the outside personalities in their respective camps to prevent the sort of divisiveness and corruption that have plagued the country in the past.

"The problem in our system is not the leaders themselves, it's their entourages," said Haroon Mir, a political analyst. "There will be potential for conflict."

The unity government was sworn in Sept. 29 after months

of political acrimony that threatened ethnic rifts and violence. Both Ghani and Abdullah claimed they won the elections to succeed President Hamid Karzai, who came to power after the U.S.-led intervention following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ousted the Taliban. The two men eventually were persuaded by Washington to form a partnership, with Abdullah holding the title of chief executive in the Ghani administration, equivalent to prime minister.

Daoud Sultan, former Afghan presidential candidate, said the pair had worked together before as ministers in Karzai's cabinet. But Abdullah's formative experience was as an official in the Northern Alliance in the 1990s, when it pursued armed conflict with the Taliban government then in Kabul. Ghani spent



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**Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani has said he wants to fill government positions based on people's experience and skills, not political patronage.**

18 years living and working in Baltimore and Washington.

Abdullah nearly boycotted the inauguration ceremony after a squabble over office space and whether he would speak at the event; he eventually did, after U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham helped settle the dispute.

Since taking office in the country's first democratic transfer of power, Ghani has sent a clear message about reforming the old order. He has been working long hours, Western diplomats said. He signed two security pacts that will allow about 12,000 U.S. and NATO troops to remain after 2014 to train and advise Afghan forces and stage counterterrorism operations. He also reopened an investigation of a fraud scandal at Kabul Bank, which collapsed in 2010 after nearly \$1 billion disappeared, mostly deposits by foreign donors.

But while they support both these actions, members of Abdullah's circle in interviews expressed unhappiness with some of Ghani's political appointments, underscoring the mistrust and lingering bitterness about the elections. They said that they weren't consulted and that sev-

eral positions, including national security adviser and a deputy minister of foreign affairs, were given to Pashtuns, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group, and the one to whom Ghani belongs.

"Ghani says, 'I am a nationalist and I do not belong to a specific tribe,' but he's acting based on ethnicity," said Mowlana Farid, an ethnic Tajik politician close to Abdullah, who is of mixed Tajik and Pashtun ethnicity. "These kinds of appointments show he's acting individually. No firing and hiring should take place without the agreement of both teams." He added, "He is acting as if he was the elected winner of the elections."

His allies say that he has appointed people solely based on their qualifications and that as president he has no obligation to get the other camp's approval.

"He can choose anyone as an adviser," said Daoud Sultan, a former presidential candidate who now supports Ghani. "Why should he consult Abdullah? This is ludicrous."

"Unfortunately, there's a clash of interests between the national interest and the personal interests of a few," he added. "Ego is a big game here."

A key challenge facing Ghani is how to deal with such people while not allowing the government to become gridlocked — or disintegrate into infighting.

Take the case of Atah Mohammad Noor, a former militia leader and the powerful governor of Balkh province, who is a supporter of Abdullah. In the summer, he vowed to stage a civil uprising if Ghani became president. Now, tensions could arise if Ghani decides to replace Noor, who has grown immensely wealthy from his control of the province.

"The real test will come when Ghani has to fire one of these officials and when he wants to replace him with," said the senior Western official. "Atah is a great example of what Ghani has to be careful in his reformist agenda. He wants to replace that guy for a host of reasons. But how much do you push before the whole thing is in danger of coming off the rails?"

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# Drawing up the drawdown

At the height of the Afghanistan War, 100,000 U.S. troops were on the ground. After December, only 10,000 will remain. The Washington Post's Richard Johnson describes the drawdown in words and sketches.

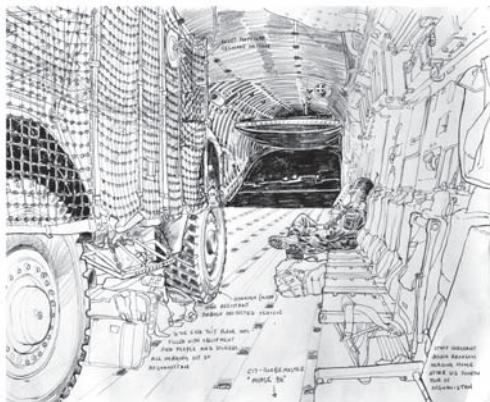


Among the facilities U.S. troops will be turning over to the Afghan National Army are the barracks huts at Forward Operating Base Lightning. The huts, used mostly for office space and sleeping, are made of wood and tin and were designed for short-term use. At Bagram Air Field, about 800 have been demolished. But "if maintained, and depending on environmental factors, you can get 10 years out of them," said U.S. Army spokesman Loran Doane. The huts don't offer much protection. So at FOB Lightning, they have been reinforced with Hesco barriers and sandbags up to about 10 feet high. They've also been outfitted with air conditioners for summer and massive heaters for winter. Knowing how to operate and maintain what they're inheriting is a concern for Afghan leaders. In a meeting about how to bring a former Navy SEAL base back online for the Afghan army, the governor of Logar province seemed most interested in having someone who understood the generators train locals in how they worked.



## Standing up as we stand down

A sketch of this wounded policeman in the intensive-care unit at the Bagram hospital. "He has a head injury, and he is peppered with shrapnel and debris," said Lt. Col. Keyan D. Riley, chief of the medical staff. First Lt. Susan Clausen woke him to give him a morphine shot. He asked the interpreter to thank her for her help. "He immediately went back to sleep. Earlier in the war, when resources were plentiful and there was an intense effort to win hearts and minds, U.S. military doctors, nurses and medics were able to help a substantial number of injured Afghans. Now, though, rules limit who is eligible for such help. And, because of the surge, we're leaving a lot of Afghans hospitalized, with far less equipment and expertise... will be all there is."



# WAR/MILITARY

## Casualties: Civilian deaths caused by Afghan violence at all-time high, UN says

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The insurgents had planned a bomb. When it went off, shrapnel sliced through his legs.

Mohammad's brother found him bleeding and unconscious. The family rushed him to an Afghan National Army base for first aid, and then on to a hospital in the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, an hour and a half drive along dangerous roads to the south.

Mohammad is among the growing number of non-combatants paying the price for the continuing insecurity in Afghanistan. After more than a decade of international military involvement, the NATO-led coalition is departing, but that hasn't coincided with a drop in violence. With NATO combat troops leaving by the end of the year, civilian casualties are up 15 percent from last year, according to the United Nations. The rising tide of civilian deaths and injuries may become one of the lasting legacies of the unfinished war in Afghanistan.

NATO troops will be leaving behind thousands of Afghans like Mohammad, maimed by a war over which they had little control, condemned to suffer long after foreign forces depart.

When I met Mohammad, he had put his crutches aside and was sitting in a compound in Lashkar Gah, surrounded by other Afghans displaced by fierce fighting that consumed Sangin district for much of the summer and into the fall.

A young man with just the first wisps of a mustache cradled a Kalashnikov rifle as he guarded the compound's door. Seated cross-legged on a well-worn carpet inside, the men and boys sipped cups of green tea sweetened with candy lemon drops as they told their stories.

Shamsullah Sarayev, an Alokozay tribal leader from Sangin, had arranged the gathering. Just a month earlier, four members of his family, including two children, had been killed when their van hit a roadside bomb. Four more family members in the vehicle were injured.

Gul Janan, an older man of unknown age, lost much of his left leg when he returned home only to step on a mine planted in his living room. Without hesitation, he showed the purplish stump that protruded a few inches below his knee.

A lean, weathered man with a wavy white beard, Mohammed Dawoud was shot twice in the arm and once in the torso when a firefight broke out on his farm. "I couldn't get out of the way of the bullets," he said. "What was I to do? I was not safe in my own field. We are not safe anywhere."

According to the U.N., the number of civilian casualties caused by violence in Afghanistan is at an all-time high. In the first eight months of 2014, 2,312 civilians were killed and 4,533 injured, a 15 percent increase over the same period last year, Jan Kubis, the U.N. representative in Afghanistan, said in a U.N. Security Council briefing in September. The first six months of the year saw a 24 percent increase.

EMERGENCY, an Italy-based medical aid organization, says it is treating "staggering" numbers of patients with war wounds at its Kabul surgical center — more than 20 per day in July.

"The situation is getting worse day by day," EMERGENCY officials said in a



Above: Mohammed Dawoud, a resident of Helmand province, Afghanistan, describes the firefight on his farm during which he was shot three times.

Left: Gul Janan displays his leg, part of which he lost when he stepped on a mine left in his house by retreating militants during fighting with Afghan security forces.

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**“ I COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE BULLETS. WHAT WAS I TO DO? I WAS NOT SAFE IN MY OWN FIELD. WE ARE NOT SAFE ANYWHERE. ”**

— Mohammed Dawoud

But as the insurgency drags on, more civilians are dying violently. And with them their dreams.

### Defining success

Adorned with row upon row of campaign ribbons, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal sat before the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington. It was June 2, 2009, and the general, a longtime veteran of the American special operations community, had been tapped by President Barack Obama to be the top commander of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

"Although I expect stiff fighting ahead, the measure of effectiveness will not be enemy killed," he said, looking up from his notes and peering at the lawmakers through his wire-rim glasses for emphasis. "It will be the number of Afghans shielded from violence."

During McChrystal's tenure as ISAF commander, civilian deaths caused by coalition forces reached a crisis point. Seeing it as a threat to the international effort, McChrystal imposed new rules that led to a 28 percent reduction in such casualties caused by American, NATO and Afghan forces, according to the U.N.

Those rules weren't always popular with ISAF troops, especially those who felt they had lost comrades because of the restrictions placed on airstrikes and other tactics

that could threaten civilians.

But the combination of new policies and a significant reduction in foreign forces' involvement in combat operations has led to a further decrease in the number of civilians killed or injured by foreign troops. The U.N. says international forces accounted for just 1 percent of the most recent casualties, a decline attributed largely to the reduction in airstrikes.

As bitter fighting continues between insurgents and Afghan forces, however, the growing number of civilians in hospital beds and morgues is casting doubt on the Afghan government's ability to protect its citizens, even as Afghan national security forces prepare to take charge of all of the country's security.

Five years after that Senate confirmation hearing, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Townsend paused when asked how ISAF's work here measured against McChrystal's definition of success.

Gazing out the open door of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter on its way to the air field in the eastern city of Jalalabad, Townsend studied the vast area of Afghanistan for which he's responsible as commander of ISAF's Regional Command-East.

"I disagree a bit with the premise of the question, because that's not really how I define success," he said over the chopper's intercom. "Our goals are a competent and confident ANSF."

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Civilian casualties aren't something he officially tracks in his capacity as a commander in one of the most violent regions of Afghanistan, Townsend said. "What we're trying to shoot for is an ANSF that can secure the country."

But aren't rising civilian casualties a measure of the Afghan forces' ability to secure their country?

"That probably has something to say about their competency, yes," he acknowledged. "But in no country in the world can security forces protect all civilians all the time. It does call into question their abilities; but at the same time, I think they can do it."

A poster in a conference room at Forward Operating Base Panty in Jalalabad outlines the coalition's view of "what winning looks like." It's a lengthy list that includes goals such as eliminating the country as an al-Qaida safe haven, encouraging a constructive relationship between the Afghan and Pakistani militaries, and creating a security force "capable of protecting and securing a legitimate Afghan government."

There's no mention of protecting and securing Afghan citizens, although the list does envision an "end-state" with "conditions set for the Afghan people to exploit the decade of opportunity/transformation" that ISAF believes it has provided.

"Protecting the population is the bedrock of [counterinsurgency] policy, and according to the best measures we have, the population is not being protected," said Graeme Smith, a senior analyst for the International Crisis Group in Kabul. "The sad reality is that war continues to intensify and is poised to take a heavy toll on the civilian population."

## A sensitive history

Civilian casualties caused by coalition forces — as well as by U.S. forces who sometimes operated outside of ISAF, such as special operations troops on counterterrorism missions — were a hot-button issue throughout the international military intervention.

In a report released in August, Amnesty International detailed 10 cases in which it says airstrikes, night raids and drone attacks against civilians were not fully investigated by ISAF, if at all. The human-rights watchdog singled out two cases in which it said the military is not urgently investigating evidence that strongly suggests war crimes were committed — including kidnapping, torture and execution.

"It's an issue that creates a lot of resentment," said Joanne Mariner, one of the report's authors. "Special forces especially have a particularly bad track record that they're leaving for Afghanistan."

One of the most egregious cases cited by Mariner involved allegations that U.S. special operations troops and their Afghan allies were involved in the torture and murder of local residents.

In a secret 2009 cable published by the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks, State Department officials warned that civilian casualties, among other controversial issues, including night raids, would be a

## PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS CANNOT HELP US. WE ARE SCREAMING, BUT NO ONE PAYS ATTENTION.

— Shamsullah Sarayee



JOHN SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Shamsullah Sarayee, an Akkozy tribal leader from Sangin, said four members of his family, including two children, were killed when their van hit a roadside bomb. Four more family members in the vehicle were injured.

barrier to better Afghan-U.S. relations until they were addressed.

Now, even critics such as Mariner say the coalition made strides since then by implementing policies to reduce noncombatant casualties, and by establishing more appropriate compensation.

In 2008, ISAF established a Civilian Casualty Tracking Cell, "the first large-scale tracking of data on civilian harm by a warring party," according to a report by the Center for Civilians in Conflict. That later became part of a Civilian Casualty Mitigation Team.

According to the report, as of January the CCMT had been downsized, while the remaining members of the team focused on helping the Afghan forces with their mitigation policies. ISAF says it still tracks the number of civilians injured or killed around the country and that its numbers "are consistent" with those released by the U.N.

Former President Hamid Karzai was quick to call attention to incidents in which civilians were hurt by coalition forces. Although the number of coalition-related casualties has dwindled, however, Karzai's concerns over such incidents did not disappear. Citing concern over potential atrocities, for example, he refused to sign an agreement with the United States laying out the terms for a continued U.S. presence last year, in part because it gave future U.S. troops in Afghanistan immunity from local prosecution. His successor, Ashraf Ghani, signed it the day after his Sept. 29 inauguration.

Now, though, the decline in casualties caused by the coalition has been more than offset by a major increase in casualties attributed to the range of

anti-government insurgent groups, the largest among them being the Taliban.

The U.N. said nearly 75 percent of non-combatant casualties in the first half of 2013 were directly caused by anti-government groups, including 147 attacks claimed by the Taliban that killed 234 civilians and left 319 injured.

Human-rights officials say the focus now is on getting the Taliban and other groups to change their tactics to protect civilians.

For their part, the Taliban reject the U.N.'s estimates as "propaganda of the enemy." "As we have seen clearly during attacks by foreign forces and the Afghan soldiers, they have killed many women and children," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said during a phone interview. "Still, we are paying real attention to reducing civilian casualties."

When asked about the accounts from Sangin of improvised bombs and mines being left in houses, Mujahid said he "totally rejects" the idea that Taliban fighters could be responsible, though he would look into the allegations.

So far, however, human-rights advocates say the Taliban's actions haven't matched their rhetoric. With the presidential election controversy fading, rights advocates are hoping that all sides will try to focus on shielding noncombatants from the violence.

"Reducing civilian casualties across the board is a key measure in improving the security situation for Afghans around the country," Georgetown Gagnon, the U.N.'s top human rights officer in Afghanistan, said in an interview. "All parties should view this as the priority in improving the security situation."

## A plea for help

There is some good news. In Sangin, for example, residents who had fled the fighting said they generally trust the government forces and have received medical and other care when needed.

But if residents have come to look to the ANSF for help, they also see the local forces as lacking equipment and training. Because of this, the people I spoke to favored maintaining the flow of international aid.

At FOB Panty in Jalalabad, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Rob Connell is a Special Forces soldier tasked with commanding the advisers who help the area's police forces.

He said Afghan forces have become better than ever at securing government centers and other centralized areas, as evidenced by the failure of insurgent efforts to disrupt the election. But they "still have problems" securing the population itself, he said.

"It's a little like the Wild West of the 1860s or whenever out here," Connell told me. "District centers and towns are kind of like Fort Apache, and officials expect residents to go to those locations if they have trouble."

Still, he said, ANSF leaders are trying to expand their reach. "They have the will and the intent, but it will take some time."

Back in Helmand, Sarayee, the tribal leader from Sangin, looked mournful when I asked if I could take his photograph. He agreed, but only after asking if it would help his people.

"Pictures and photographs cannot help us," he said. "We are screaming, but no one pays attention."

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## MILITARY

# Hagel eyes Iraq War chemical exposure cases

By Lolita C. Baldor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has asked his military chiefs and service branch secretaries to look into questions about the medical care and treatment of about 20 servicemen who were exposed to chemical weapons during the Iraq war, a senior defense official

said Friday.

The official said Hagel made the request during a Thursday meeting and asked them to look into the troops' medical care and whether they were denied military awards. Hagel is not seeking a formal review or investigation but wants the service leaders to get more information and to report back to him, said the official, who was not authorized

to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Hagel wants to determine whether there were any shortcomings in the treatment of the troops.

The New York Times reported this week that troops were exposed to nerve or mustard agents and, due to government secrecy,

did not receive proper medical care or awards for their wounds.

During a Pentagon press briefing on Wednesday, Rear Adm. John Kirby, Pentagon press secretary, said he didn't know whether any troops were denied medical treatment.

"I don't know what decisions were made with respect to each of those soldiers at the time," said Kirby. "This happened a long

time ago, and it was on an individual basis."

He added that Hagel expects troops to get the care they need, and "if errors were made, mistakes were made, his expectation is they'll be rectified."

Officials over the years had acknowledged the discovery of mostly decayed chemical weapons in caches around the country.

## Therapies: Medical experts say some remedies effective

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The Richmond, Va., hospital and three other pilot programs offering these therapies are part of an effort by the Veterans Health Administration to reduce the dependence of tens of thousands on opiate painkillers. While doctors say the highly addictive drugs can help in the short term, they also can be harmful and often require another round of prescription pills to counteract side effects that can include insomnia, constipation, bone pain, anxiety and depression.

"I used to take a half a dozen painkillers a day, maybe more, and wash 'em down with scotch," moaned the lieutenant colonel, who worked in intelligence and asked not to be named. "If you told me I'd be doing this sort of wives' tale-type stuff even a few years ago, I wouldn't have believed it."

The scientific basis for these alternative therapies is mixed, and much of the research is preliminary.

Last month, the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs announced the launch of a five-year, \$21.7 million initiative to study the effectiveness of alternative treatments. The undertaking includes 13 separate research projects.

On a crisp, fall morning, a group of veterans at the Richmond hospital met in the courtyard flower garden for a session of tai chi. Native American flute music hummed from a CD player.

Retired Staff Sgt. Cedric McAfee, 43, a 260-pound combat veteran in Iraq and Afghanistan, said he initially dreaded trying tai chi. He felt embarrassed. But he realized the "grocery bag full of pills were making it all worse."

The turning point came when his teenage son invited him to his football game. McAfee couldn't go, afraid he would have a panic attack because of the crowds. After years of post-traumatic stress disorder, McAfee suffers from a traumatic brain injury, hypervigilance — "I freak out if my kids don't come back after 10 minutes" — and a shattered knee, which requires a brace.

So he spread his feet shoulders apart. He bent his knees slightly. He made his hands into an energy ball, shifted into a running back

position and reached his arms in front of him.

"My mother always told us that pills aren't the answer," McAfee said after the class. "I take a pain pill and get drowsy, then they give you a pill to bring you up again, then you take another pill to come down because you can't sleep."

He said he was willing to try anything to end the pain. "I sit at home and think, 'I'm big and tough,' but you know, I really wanted to give this stuff a try," he said.

Doctors at the Pentagon and VA say that the use of painkillers such as hydrocodone and oxycodone contributes to job loss, family strife, homelessness and even suicide among veterans. By sedating those who take them, the pills can also lead to health problems such as weight gain, diabetes and heart disease. More than 600,000 veterans are taking opioid painkillers, VA officials said.

"Even in 2004, it was like 'Here's your morphine.' 'Here's your oxy,'" said Ajit Pai, chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation at McGuire. "It was the choice treatment back then. The patients really didn't like it. I think we really realize now that we decreased their pain, but we also decreased their function."

The effectiveness of some alternative treatments, such as Qigong — a traditional Chinese practice that combines meditation and martial arts to balance "life energy" and the use of bright, morning light to help manage chronic low-back pain, remains uncertain.

But medical experts say that some of the alternative treatments are proving effective. The Food and Drug Administration, for instance, in 2010 approved Botox to prevent headaches and treat neck pain in adults. Insurance companies are increasingly covering acupuncture for treating four chronic pain conditions: back and neck pain, osteoarthritis, chronic headache and shoulder pain.

Before he began treatment of stigma and what's voodoo and what's not," Pai said. "But we're seeing that they work and without the crushing side effects."

Marine Cpl. Parker Harbold, 23, said he hopes the NIH researchers speak to him.

Before he began treatment in Richmond, Harbold said that he



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David Drake inserts acupuncture needles into Army veteran Joslyn Shipman's ears Oct. 7 at the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center in Richmond, Va.



Retired Army Staff Sgt. Cedric McAfee participates in a tai chi class Oct. 7 at the facility.

took 15 pills per day. "a giant sack of nasty freaking opioids, then an opioid patch, then antidepressants and then stool softeners," all to treat traumatic brain injury and foot and knee pain he suffered after falling off a truck in Afghanistan. "Nothing was helping, the pills made me even more of a mess," he said.

At Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., he started using an iPod-size alpha-stimulation device. Such devices, which are FDA-approved to treat anxiety, insomnia, depression and pain, emit small amounts of electricity and can be applied with small probes through ear clips. He uses

the device at least once per day for an hour and often when he feels a panic attack coming on.

"It's been so rough trying to get the right help, and I know so many guys who are just addicted to the painkillers and they are suicidal over it," he said.

What he likes about alpha-stim, he said, is that he is alert afterward rather than "totally drugged and out of it and unable to function."

When he came to McGuire, he also enrolled in guided imagery, which involves evoking images, and equine therapy, in which veterans spend time with horses on a nearby farm. Like many young

veterans who suffer from traumatic brain injury, he speaks slowly, struggling to remember words, and often grows increasingly nervous because of his memory loss.

"I'm from Texas, so the smell of the horses really calmed me down," he said.

The veterans and current servicemembers here for treatment said that the new generation of leaders and doctors in the military and VA hospitals are far more open to these kinds of treatments.

Retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Steve Hollis, who suffered multiple injuries during action in Desert Storm and the Balkans, said he was searching for a way to quit his cocktail of painkillers. Inside a treatment center that smelled like peppermint, he found himself receiving a treatment he never expected: Botox.

"I'm not really a mani-pedi-Botox-type guy," he said. "But when they offered Botox for my horrible headaches, I said, 'I'm willing to try anything.'"

He soon found that his 15-or-so migraines per month were cut by half. "It's really worked for me," he said, as he clenched his fists while the needle entered his scalp.

Unlike with the narcotic painkillers, he loves the side effects.

"I have a nice, smooth, wrinkle-free forehead," he said. "My wife is jealous. She wants to take my VA card."



# EBOLA OUTBREAK



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Jeff Hulbert, left, of Annapolis, Md., protests U.S. handling of Ebola cases, as Mary Wills, right, of Cleveland, playfully covers her face while posing for a photo with Hulbert, outside the White House on Friday in Washington.

## Effectiveness of Ebola travel ban questioned

By ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A ban on travel from West Africa might seem like a simple, smart response to the frightening Ebola outbreak there. It's become a central demand of Republicans on Capitol Hill and some Democrats, and is popular with the public. But health experts are nearly unanimous in saying it's a bad idea that could backfire.

The experts' key objection is that a travel ban could prevent needed medical supplies, food and health care workers from reaching Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the nations where the epidemic is at its worst. Without that aid, the deadly virus might spread to wider areas of Africa, making it even more of a threat to the U.S. and the world, experts say.

In addition, preventing people from the affected countries from traveling to the U.S. could be difficult to enforce and might generate counterproductive results, such as people lying about their travel history or attempting to evade screening.

### Food delivered to Sierra Leone to curb epidemic

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — The U.N.'s World Food Program on Saturday delivered emergency food rations to 265,000 people, many of them quarantined in Sierra Leone, to help fight the spread of Ebola.

The U.S. has not instituted a travel ban in response to a disease outbreak in recent history. The experts insist now is not the time to start, especially given that the disease is still extremely contained in the U.S. and the only people who have caught it here are two health care workers who cared for a sick patient who later died.

"If we know anything in global health, it's that you can't wrap a whole region in cellophane and expect to keep out a rapidly moving infectious disease. It doesn't work that way," said Lawrence Gostin, a professor and global health expert at Georgetown University Law Center. "Ultimately people will flee one way or another, and the more infection there is and the more people there are, the more they flee and the more unsafe we are."

Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health voiced similar objections at a congressional hearing this past week. So did President Barack Obama after meeting with administration officials co-

ordinating the response.

Obama said he didn't have a "philosophical objection" to a travel ban but that he was told by experts that he would be less effective than the steps the administration has instituted, including temperature screening and monitoring at the five airports accounting for 94 percent of the arrivals from the three impacted nations. There are 100 to 150 arrivals daily to the U.S. from that region.

"Trying to seal off an entire region of the world — if that were even possible — could actually make the situation worse," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address.

Still, with little more than two weeks from midterm elections and control of the Senate at stake, the administration is facing mounting pressure on Capitol Hill to impose travel restrictions. Numerous Republicans have demanded a ban, as have a handful of Democrats, including at least two endangered incumbent senators, Kay Hagan of North Carolina and Mark Pryor of Arkansas.

not leave their homes to look for food. The deliveries began Friday and are continuing Saturday, said Masciarelli.

More countries have banned travelers from Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, where the dreaded, fatal disease is believed to have claimed more than 4,500 lives.

From The Associated Press

## Officials fear disease on AIDS path; some disagree

By MIKE STOBBS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is Ebola the world's worst infectious disease threat since AIDS?

Comparisons between the two deadly diseases surfaced in the past few months as the Ebola outbreak escalated. Both emerged from Africa and erupted into an international health crisis. And both have been a shocking reminder that mankind's battle against infectious diseases can take a sudden, terrible turn for the worse.

In his three decades in public health, the only thing like Ebola has been the AIDS epidemic, said Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"And we have to work now so this is not the world's next AIDS," he told a meeting of the world's economic leaders in Washington last week.

But Ebola is not expected to ever be in the same league as AIDS in terms of infections and deaths, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"There is no one that imagines that we're going to see tens of millions of people infected with Ebola," said Fauci, a longtime leader in the fight against AIDS.

This year's Ebola outbreak — the largest ever — has killed more than 4,500 people in West Africa. AIDS kills more than a million per year on the continent.

Both diseases are caused by viruses and spread through contact with bodily fluids, not the air, but health experts say the epidemics are more different than they are similar.

Ebola can be more infectious than HIV, according to Dr. Bruce Ribner, a physician involved in the care of four Ebola patients treated so far at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Indeed, a patient in the throes of Ebola can have 10 billion viral particles in a fifth of a teaspoon of blood — far more than the 50,000 to 100,000 particles seen in an untreated patient with the AIDS virus. Even the skin of an Ebola patient can be crawling with the virus, according to Ribner.

Still, there are reasons to be more optimistic about Ebola than about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

First identified in 1976 and named after a river in Congo, the virus has caused periodic outbreaks in Africa ever since. While a test was made to diagnose it, work on vaccines and treatments has been limited and difficult.

Ebola did not become an international epidemic until this year, when it unexpectedly mushroomed in West Africa. The rapid increase in cases — particularly in Liberia and Sierra Leone — led to the CDC's worst-case-scenario estimate that there could be as many as 1.4 million cases in those two countries alone by January.

The beginning of the AIDS epidemic was more challenging. When clusters of cases were first reported in 1981, health officials were facing a mysterious illness with no known cause.

"We didn't know it was a virus. We had no idea what was going on," recalled David Celentano, who was a young AIDS researcher in the 1980s and is now at Johns Hopkins University's school of public health.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Airstrike kills at least 8 in Syria town

## Gas distribution facility in militant stronghold targeted by US-led coalition

By ELENA BECATOROS  
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The Associated Press

MUSITPINAR, Turkey — A U.S.-led coalition airstrike on a gas distribution facility in an eastern Syrian stronghold of the Islamic State group set off a series of secondary explosions and killed at least eight people, activists said Saturday.

The airstrike targeted a distribution station in the town of Khasham in the oil-rich province of Deir el-Zour late Friday, Deir el-Zour Free Radio, an activist collective, said on its Facebook page. The collective named four of those killed and said another four charred bodies were placed in a nearby mosque. It said the

slain men were mostly fuel tanker drivers.

Another activist group, the Deir el-Zour Network, described "long tongues of flames" from the strike. The incident was also reported by the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria.

The U.S.-led coalition has aggressively targeted Islamic State-held oil facilities in Syria, which provide a key source of income for the militants. But such strikes also endanger civilians, possibly undermining long-term efforts to destroy the group.

Other airstrikes late Friday targeted oil wells in the Deir el-Zour province, the activists said.

There was no immediate comment by the U.S. military.

The U.S.-led coalition began a bombing campaign against the Islamic State group in Syria in late September after striking at the extremists in neighboring Iraq, where they also hold swaths of territory.

On Saturday, a coalition airstrike on Kobani sent a huge plume of black smoke into the sky. Gun and mortar fire in the town echoed across the border in Turkey.

Idris Nassan, a senior Kobani official, said the airstrikes had helped halt the advance of the militants. But he said the Kurdish fighters defending Kobani would need more weapons and ammunition to save the town.

"Airstrikes are not enough," said Nassan. "It's reduced ISIS, but it's not enough to defeat them," he said, using another acronym for the Islamic State group.

The Kurdish forces' efforts to reclaim have been stymied by Turkey, which has long viewed the main Kurdish fighting force in Kobani — the People's Protection Units, or YPG — with suspicion over its links to the Kurdish PKK insurgent group operating in Turkey.

Turkey has also demanded that the coalition widen its campaign against the Islamic State group by providing greater aid to Syrian rebels, who are battling both the extremist group and President Bashar Assad's forces.

## Iraq approves interior, defense ministers

BAGHDAD — Iraqi lawmakers approved Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's remaining Cabinet nominees on Saturday, including for the critical posts of defense and interior, completing the formation of a government that will strive to push the Islamic State extremist group out of its sprawling territory it has seized in recent months.

Khaled al-Obeidi, a Sunni lawmaker from Mosul, was selected for the post of defense minister by a vote of 175-85. He had served as an officer in Saddam Hussein's military and holds a Ph.D. in political science.

Mohammed Salem al-Ghabban, a Shiite lawmaker with al-Abadi's State of Law political bloc, was approved as minister of interior by a 197-63 vote. He holds degrees from universities in both Tehran, Iran, and London. He was a long-time opponent of Saddam and was detained in 1979.

## Fearing militants, Iraq imposes Ramadan curfew

BAGHDAD — Iraq imposed a curfew in the western city of Ramadi on Friday amid fears that the Islamic State group was looking to advance on the strategically important city as attacks in Baghdad killed 28 people, officials said.

The curfew, which began before dawn, is part of an effort to limit movement in and out of the city as government forces prepared to combat pockets of resistance there, said Sabah Karhout, the chairman of the Anbar provincial council. Ramadi, the capital of the vast Sunni-dominated province of Anbar, is located 70 miles west of Baghdad.

Capturing Ramadi could have a huge ripple effect throughout Anbar since controlling the provincial capital ultimately paralyzes the surrounding areas and further helps the militants secure yet another corridor between Syria and Iraq for the passage of fighters, munitions and field artillery.

## Activists: At least 16 killed by Syrian strikes

BEIRUT — Airstrikes on a Syrian rebel-held town near Damascus have killed at least 16 people, activists said Sunday, as part of intensified efforts by President Bashar Assad's forces to secure approaches to the capital.

At least five strikes targeted buildings in the town of Douma on Friday evening, said local activist Hassan Taqaidun and the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The bombs killed at least three children and one woman, said the observatory, which relies on a network of activists on the ground in Syria.

Both the observatory and Taqaidun said the death toll was likely to rise because people were still buried under rubble.

Syrian state media said late Friday that government forces had attacked "terrorists" in Douma. The government routinely refers to rebels as terrorists, and does not acknowledge civilian casualties.

From The Associated Press

# Lebanon pulled into Islamic State battle

By ZEINA KARAM  
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The Associated Press

BEIRUT — With all eyes on the Islamic State group's onslaught in Iraq and Syria, a less conspicuous but potentially just as explosive front line with the extremists is emerging in Lebanon, where Lebanese soldiers and Shiite Hezbollah guerrillas are increasingly pulled into deadly fighting with the Sunni militants along the country's border with Syria.

The U.S. has been speeding up delivery of small ammunition to shore up Lebanon's army, but recent cross-border attacks and the beheading of Lebanese soldiers by Islamic State fighters — and the defection of four others to the extremists — has sent shock waves across this Mediterranean country, eliciting fear of a potential slide into the kind of militant, sectarian violence afflicting both Syria and Iraq, and increasingly prompting minorities to take up arms.

The crisis was slow in coming. For a long time, Lebanon managed to miraculously avoid the all-out chaos gripping neighboring countries — despite sporadic street clashes and car bombings, and despite being awash with weapons and taking in an endless stream of refugees from Syria who constitute a staggering one-third of its population of 4.5 million people.

Unlike in Iraq or Syria, the al-Qaida-breakaway Islamic State group does not hold territory in Lebanon. But along with Syria's al-Qaida affiliate, Nusra Front, it has established footholds in remote mountains along Lebanon's eastern border, from where it launches almost daily incursions further afield.

Jihadi recruitment in impoverished Sunni areas of northern Lebanon is on the rise, and black

Islamic State group flags fly freely in some areas, reflecting pockets of growing support for the radical group.

"Lebanon is in the eye of the storm," said Fadia Kiwan, a political science professor at Beirut's St. Joseph University.

The Lebanese are bitterly divided over Syria's civil war. Hezbollah fighters have gone to join Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces in their battle against Sunni rebels, drawing anger at home from Lebanon's Sunnis and stoking Sunni-Shiite tensions. This in turn led to tit-for-tat suicide bombings and several rounds of street clashes

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Fadia Kiwan  
St. Joseph University, Beirut

in Lebanon in the past year.

The Islamic State group thrust first came to Lebanon in August, two months after the group's summer blitz in which it seized large swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria. In a surprise attack, the Islamic State group and Nusra Front militants crossed over from Syria and overran the predominantly Sunni Lebanese border town of Aarsal, hitting Lebanese army positions and killing nearly 20 soldiers.

Nusra Front militants have shot dead a third. In return for remaining hostages, they have issued various demands, including the withdrawal of Hezbollah troops from Syria, and the release of Islamists from Lebanese prisons.

Lebanese army commander Jean Kahwaji said in comments published last week that the militants from Syria want to ignite civil war and create a passage to Lebanon's coastline by linking the Syrian Qalamoun mountains with Aarsal on the border and the northern Lebanese town of Akkar, an impoverished Sunni area.



BILAL HUSSEIN/AP

Hamza Hommos, 55, father of Lebanese policeman Wael Hommos, who was kidnapped by Islamic State militants and the Nusra Front, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in front of his tent set up for their sit-in protest in downtown Beirut.

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Analysts agree that in Lebanon, the Islamic State group fighters also see an opportunity to strike at Hezbollah's patron, the Shiite powerhouse Iran, but that they are not too eager to immediately embark on yet another war.

"The territory of Lebanon is a longer-term goal," said David Schenker, director of the program on Arab politics at the Washington

Institute for Near East Policy.

But there are fears, Schenker said, that eventually the Islamic State group could stage a spectacular bombing of, for example, the Hezbollah stronghold of Dahyeh, south of Beirut, recreating an incident similar to a 2006 attack in the Iraqi city of Samarra, and "unleash this incredible sectarian tension that results in a resumption of civil war."

In Samarra, the Sunni extremists bombed a major Shiite shrine, setting in motion two years' of sectarian blood-letting that pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war. Lebanon is still recovering from a 15-year civil war that ended in 1990.



## NATION

# In Vienna, 'Kerry Air' is grounded again

By BRADLEY KLAPPER  
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*The Associated Press*

The United States may be the mightiest military and economic power in the world but when it comes to shutting its top diplomat around the globe, it's beginning to look like a poor orphan.

For the fourth time this year — and the second time in three months, Secretary of State John Kerry was forced to fly home commercially when his aging Air Force Boeing 757, known in military parlance as a C-32, was grounded on Thursday with a mechanical problem in Vienna.

Inconvenient? Undoubtedly. Kerry, heading back to Washington from nuclear talks with senior European and Iranian officials, made light of the situation, telling aides: "If the hardest thing that happens in a given day is that you have to fly commercial, your life is pretty good."

Embarrassing? Perhaps. Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif chuckled when he learned of Kerry's predicament. "So it is not just our planes," Zarif said. Iran hasn't been able to refurbish its pre-1979 fleet of Boeing aircraft because of heavy U.S. sanctions.

But trivial? Not so much. Officials say far more than appearance is at stake, particularly in the midst of multiple world crises like Ebola, the military campaign against Islamic State militants, the crisis in Ukraine, Israeli-Palestinian relations and, yes, the Iran nuclear talks.

Without access to the secure



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Secretary of State John Kerry waves as he boards his plane Wednesday at Orly Airport, south of Paris, France, en route to Vienna, Austria.

phone links and classified data on his own plane, Kerry was effectively out of the loop during the nine-hour flight from Vienna to Washington. Aides said he had to cancel or reschedule several calls with world leaders and other members of President Barack Obama's national security team. "In the world we live in, we do

high-stakes diplomacy via phone and secure phone," said State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki. "None of that is possible when any secretary of state is flying on a commercial plane with out secure communications with hundreds of people."

"Every minute of their day is scheduled," she said. "There is

not a single flight where Secretary Kerry isn't calling in via secure phone to an interagency meeting or receiving sensitive national security information, or reading classified information or briefings."

And he flies a lot.

Before his current trip, Kerry had logged more than 566,000

plane miles this year alone, according to the State Department. That's nearly 1,220 hours or more than 50 days in the air.

Problems with the 1990s-era Air Force fleet that ferry America's top officials aren't new, and secretaries of state have long complained about the aircraft they must fly for official business. Some have joked about being envious of colleagues with newer, more efficient and more luxurious planes.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton encountered several aviation breakdowns when she was in office, including a tire that burst on landing in the United Arab Emirates, leading to an unscheduled overnight stay in Dubai. But she never had to resort to flying commercially.

Yet the problems seem to be becoming more frequent and more serious.

Thursday's incident was the fourth with one of Kerry's planes this year. The previous two — in Switzerland in January and in Britain in March — were resolved with only minor delays to his schedule.

But in August, an electronics issue forced Kerry to return to Washington from Hawaii on a commercial flight at the end of a round-the-world diplomatic mission.

On Thursday, the crew discovered that an auxiliary fuel tank was leaking. An Associated Press reporter who visited the aircraft found the cabin full of fumes. And, one technician involved in trying to patch up the leak complained of feeling ill.

## Obama aims to boost credit card security

By KEVIN G. HALL

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Looking to better secure American's credit cards, President Barack Obama on Friday ordered that U.S. government-issued cards contain chip and PIN technologies and directed government agencies to obtain new credit card readers.

"More than 100 million Americans had information that was compromised in data breaches in some of our largest companies, and identity theft is now America's fastest-growing crime," Obama said in speech detailing his new security order and other cybersecurity measures.

The order follows several high-profile computer hacking events affecting consumers at Target, Home Depot, Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase, sparking fears of data breaches.

Obama delivered his remarks at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, created under the 2010 revamp of financial regulation. The bureau doesn't have cybersecurity as its core mission, suggesting the rollout there was designed to reassure voters of broader consumer protections

### President's credit card declined in NY

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service is charged with watching the president's back, but who's watching his wallet? When his credit card was declined last month while dining in New York, President Barack Obama wondered if he had become a victim of identity theft.

"It turned out, I guess I don't use it enough," Obama said Friday at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"I was trying to explain to the waitress 'No, I really think that I've been paying my bills.'"

Fortunately first lady Michelle Obama had a credit card they could use.

From The Associated Press

ahead of midterm congressional elections in November.

The president also outlined

the government-supported Buy Secure effort, featuring a rollout by major retailers such as Home Depot, Target, Walgreens and Wal-Mart of secure chip and PIN-compatible card terminals in their stores — most by January 2015, according to the White House. He promised a summit on payment protection of mobile systems and devices.

The president and the private sector are actually quite late to the game on card technology. McClatchy detailed in July 2012 how Canada and Europe were far ahead in adopting credit card technology that protects consumers against cybertheft.

By having government purchase new terminals and issue new cards to millions of government workers, Obama is playing catchup but is hoping the government lead will prompt the private sector to follow suit.

PIN cards require a special code number instead of a signature, similar to debit cards. Chip cards are generally the safest option because they are embedded with a chip that emits different, unique numbers to a payment processor each time a card used.



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NATION

# Supreme Court allows Texas to use voter ID law

By SAM HANANEL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Saturday that Texas can use its controversial new voter identification law for the November election.

A majority of the justices rejected an emergency request from the Justice Department and civil rights groups to prohibit the state from requiring voters to produce certain forms of photo identification in order to cast ballots. Three justices dissented.

The law was struck down by a federal judge last week, but a federal appeals court put that ruling on hold. The judge found that roughly 600,000 voters, many of them black or Latino, could be turned away at the polls because they lack acceptable identification. Early voting in Texas begins Monday.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan dissented in the order, saying they would have left the district court decision in place.

"The greatest threat to public confidence in elections in this case is the prospect of enforcing a purposefully discriminatory law, one that likely imposes an uncon-

stitutional poll tax and risks denying the right to vote to hundreds of thousands of eligible voters," Ginsburg wrote in dissent.

Texas' law sets out seven forms of approved ID — a list that includes concealed handgun licenses but not college student IDs, which are accepted in other states with similar measures.

The opinion from U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos called the law an "unconstitutional burden on the right to vote" and the equivalent of a poll tax in finding that the Republican-led Texas Legislature purposely discriminated against minority voters in Texas.

Texas had urged the Supreme Court to let the state enforce voter ID at the polls in a court filing that took aim at the ruling by Ramos, an appointee of President Barack Obama. Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican who's favored in the gubernatorial race, called Ramos' findings "preposterous" and accused the judge of ignoring evidence favorable to the state.

The court had intervened in three other disputes in recent weeks over Republican-inspired restrictions on voting access. In



The Supreme Court on Saturday let stand a new law in Texas that requires voters to present photo identification in order to cast ballots.

Wisconsin, the justices blocked a voter ID law from being used in November. In North Carolina and Ohio, the justices allowed limits on same-day registration, early voting and provisional ballots to take or remain in effect.

Ginsburg said the Texas case was different from the clashes in North Carolina and Ohio because a federal judge held a full trial on the Texas election procedures and developed "an extensive record" finding the process discriminated against ballot access.

Texas has enforced its tough voter ID requirements in elections since the Supreme Court in June 2013 effectively eliminated the heart of the Voting Rights Act, which had prevented Texas and eight other states with histories of discrimination from changing election laws without permission. Critics of the Texas measure, though, said the law ID requirement has not been used for an election for Congress and the Senate, or a high-turnout statewide elec-

tion like the race for governor.

Ramos issued her ruling on Oct. 9. Five days later, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans put her decision on hold and cited a 2006 Supreme Court opinion that warned judges not to change the rules too close to Election Day.

The challengers in Texas said that the last time the Supreme Court allowed a voting law to be used in a subsequent election after it had been found to be unconstitutional was in 1982. That case from Georgia involved an at-large election system that had been in existence since 1911.

Republican lawmakers in Texas and elsewhere say voter ID laws are needed to reduce voter fraud. Democrats contend that such cases are extremely rare and that voter ID measures are thinly veiled attempts to keep eligible voters, many of them minorities supportive of Democrats, away from the polls.

# In surprise decision, Ariz. OKs gay unions

By JACQUES BILLEAU  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Gay marriage is now legal in Arizona after the state's conservative attorney general said Friday that he wouldn't challenge a federal court decision that cleared the way for same-sex unions in the state.

After the surprise decision, gay couples quickly lined up at the courthouse in downtown Phoenix to marry.

It was a sharp turn. Less than a year ago, Arizona was ground zero in the clash over gay rights after the overwhelmingly Republican state Legislature passed a measure that would have allowed businesses to deny service to gays and lesbians.

Also Friday, the Justice Department announced that the federal government will recognize same-sex marriages in seven more states and extend federal benefits for same-sex couples.

Christina Koulouris Arizona marriage license applicant

That brings the total number of states where gay and lesbian marriages have federal recognition to 26, plus the District of Columbia.

And a federal judge on Friday ordered Wyoming to allow same-sex marriage but said his ruling will not take effect until next Thursday so that the state can appeal if it wants.

The news came one week after the U.S. Supreme Court let stand rulings from three appeals courts that struck down bans on gay marriages in five states — Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. That opened the door for same-sex couples in those states to get married, though it stopped short of resolving the national gay-marriage issue.

The states covered by Friday's announcement include those five states as well as Nevada and Colorado, where the Justice Department says subsequent rulings have allowed the federal government to recognize same-sex marriages.

In Tucson, Carmen Diaz and Christina Koulouris got a marriage license on their lunch break. Although the women have been domestic partners since 2011, they said getting married was a historic moment.

"People are going to hate," Koulouris said. "And they can hate all they want, but I'm the one who's happy."

# Fla. man gets life sentence for loud-music killing

By JAMES QUEALLY  
Los Angeles Times

A Florida man convicted in the shooting of an unarmed black teenager after a dispute over loud music will spend the rest of his life in prison, a county judge said Friday.

Jackelyn Barnard, director of communications for the state's attorney's office in Duval County, Fla., told the Los Angeles Times that Michael Dunn, 47, was sentenced to life in prison, after being convicted this month of first-degree murder in the killing

of Jordan Davis, 17.  
In November 2012, Dunn be-



Dunn in Jacksonville. Dunn, who claimed he was attacked, embroiled in an argument with Jordan and three other teens after he asked them to turn down their music in a convenience store parking lot

ing in self-defense and told police he had seen the butt of a shotgun in the teens' car, fired 10 shots, striking Jordan three times.

Investigators did not recover a weapon, and prosecutors argued that Dunn opened fire because he felt threatened by Jordan and his friends.

Dunn was convicted of first-degree murder Oct. 1. He was previously convicted of three counts of attempted murder, but the jury deadlocked on the first-degree murder charge.

Barnard told The Times that Dunn had been sentenced to an

additional 30 years in prison for each attempted murder charges.

The shooting, which took place just six months after the killing of teenager Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman in Sanford, Fla., drew national attention because Dunn is white and Jordan was black, as are the other teens.

Duval County State Attorney Angela B. Corey was not immediately available for comment Friday, but she previously told reporters she intended to seek a life sentence for Dunn. "We don't believe he ever needs to be out of prison," Corey said this month.

# Hurricane Ana sends wind, rain to Hawaii's coasts

The Associated Press

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Hurricane Ana was carving a path south of Hawaii early Saturday, producing high waves, strong winds and heavy rains that prompted a flood advisory.

The center of the powerful Pacific storm was about 170 miles southwest of the Big Island as it

passed early Saturday morning and about 225 miles from Honolulu, the National Weather Service said.

There was little chance for hurricane conditions on the islands, but a tropical storm watch remained in effect throughout the archipelago and the strongest winds were about 80 mph, forecasters said.

"Any of the islands could experience tropical storm impacts ... so it's important to still prepare and make plans," said Chris Brencley, a weather service meteorologist.

Waves were expected to crest to 10 to 15 feet on both the North and South shores of Hawaii's islands late Saturday and to remain tall through Sunday.

Ana became a Category 1 hurricane earlier in the day when it was about 230 miles south of Hilo. Shortly before midnight, it had maximum sustained winds of 85 mph and was churning along its course at 13 mph.

The hurricane was expected to gradually weaken to become a tropical storm again by early Sunday morning, Brencley said.



# WORLD

## Cautious optimism over kidnapped Nigeria girls

By CHIKA ODUAH  
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The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — There's no dancing in the streets, but people in the hometown of more than 200 kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls are cautiously optimistic about news of a cease-fire with the Islamic extremists who abducted their daughters six months ago.

"We don't know how true it is until we prove it," said Bana Lawan, chairman of Chibok Local Government Area. "We will know the negotiations were successful when we see the girls physically. And then we will know it is true. And then we will celebrate."

Community leader Pogu Bitrus says "people rejoiced, but with caution."

Both men said residents have been disappointed too many times in the past by reports of progress by Nigeria's government and military that later proved to be

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Pogu Bitrus  
Chibok, Nigeria, community leader

false. That is why they are skeptical of the army's announcement Friday that Boko Haram extremists have agreed to an immediate cease-fire.

Some reports said the truce includes an agreement to free the girls missing from Chibok town.

But government spokesman Mike Omeri would say only that authorities are "inching closer to the release of the Chibok girls."

On Friday, French President Francois Hollande welcomed the "good news" and told a news conference in Paris that the girls' release "could happen in the coming hours and days." France has been involved in negotiations that led to the release of several of its citizens kidnapped by Boko Haram in Cameroon.

Neither Hollande nor Nigerian government officials gave any details.

There was no immediate word from Boko Haram, which limits its public engagement to video announcements by its leader, Abubakar Shekau. Last year, when a government minister announced an agreement, Shekau quickly denied it. He said at that time that whoever the government negotiated with did not speak for him, and that he would never talk to infidels.

Chibok community leader Bitrus told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, "We are waiting, hoping that it is really true and that the people who negotiated on Boko Haram's side, that they are

the genuine leaders."

Boko Haram — the group's nickname means "education is sinful" — drew international condemnation with the April kidnapping of 276 girls and young women at a boarding school in the remote northern town of Chibok. Dozens escaped in the first couple of days, but 219 remain missing.

Boko Haram has been demanding the release of detained extremists but Jonathan originally said he could not countenance a prisoner swap. On Saturday, an official at the presidency said the current negotiations are about releasing Boko Haram members in exchange for the girls. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the matter is sensitive.

"Sometimes these people, they will say something and they will not act," said Lawan, speaking from Maiduguri, the Borno state capital in the northeast. "We just pray that this is true."

## Fuel-filled ship towed away from Canada

By RUDY KELLY  
The Associated Press

PRINCE RUPERT, British Columbia — Canadian coast guard officials secured a towline to a Russian container ship carrying hundreds of tons of fuel as it drifted without power in rough seas off British Columbia's pristine northern coast. The move lessened the threat of the ship running aground, hitting the rocks and causing a spill.

The Canadian Forces' joint rescue coordination center said the Russian carrier, Simushir, lost power off Haida Gwaii, also known as the Queen Charlotte Islands, as it made its way from Everett in Washington state to Russia.

The Council of the Haida Nation said late Friday that the Coast Guard Ship Gordon Reid managed to secure a towline, and the two vessels were moving away from the coastline of Gwaii Haanas at 1.5 knots. The statement noted the situation remained highly turbulent, and the outcome was subject to weather. Another coast guard ship was expected to arrive early Saturday and attempt to assist in towing the vessel to Prince Ru-



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**A Canadian Coast Guard helicopter flies near a Russian container ship carrying hundreds of tons of fuel and drifting without power in rough seas off British Columbia's northern coast on Friday.**

pert, British Columbia, depending on weather.

Sub Lt. Melissa Kia, of Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, said three more vessels, including a U.S. Coast Guard ship, are on their way to assist. She said the Gordon Reid is towing the container ship slowly, and while the danger has lessened, it is not over.

The ship, originally 9 miles offshore, was drifting northwest in stormy seas Friday, away from shore, but Roger Girouard, an assistant commissioner with the Canadian Coast Guard, said it had no propulsion. The ship lost

power late Thursday, officials said.

The fear of oil spills is especially acute in British Columbia, where residents remember the Exxon Valdez disaster of 1989. Such worries have fed fierce opposition — particularly from environmentalists and Canada's native tribes — to a current proposal to build a pipeline that would carry oil from Canada's Alberta oil sands to the Pacific Coast for shipment to Asia. Opponents say the proposed pipeline would bring about 220 large oil tankers a year to the province's coast.

## More bodies spotted on Nepal trail after storms

By BINAJ GURUBACHARYA  
The Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — A rescue helicopter spotted nine more bodies Saturday on a trekking trail in northern Nepal, bringing the death toll to 38 from last week's series of snowstorms and avalanches in the worst hiking disaster in the Himalayan nation.

The bodies were seen from the air in Dolpa district, but the steep terrain made it impossible for the helicopter to land, said Yadav Koirala, of the Disaster Management Division in Katmandu.

The helicopter picked up three survivors, and rescuers on foot will be sent to the area to retrieve the bodies, he said.

The victims are most likely Nepalese porters, said Ram Chandra Sharma, of the Trekking Agents Association of Nepal.

Dolpa district is next to Manang and Mustang districts near the popular Annapurna mountain range trekking trail where most of the foreign trekkers and Nepalese guides and villagers were killed last week. Among the dead were Canadians, Indians, Israelis, Slovaks and Poles.

While more than 300 people have been rescued, sometimes plucked from mountainsides by helicopters, dozens more are still taking shelter in isolated mountain

huts, said government administrator Yama Bahadur Chokyal.

The snowstorms were whipped by the tail end of a cyclone that hit the Indian coast a few days earlier. The weather has since improved, and sunny skies and calm wind

conditions

were helping the rescue efforts.

Survivors of the blizzards that swept through the Annapurna trekking route said they were caught off guard when the weather changed quickly.

**"We could hardly see anyone, even within a couple of feet. The wind was blowing and visibility was almost zero."**

Gombu Sherpa

Nepal trail guide

The skies were clear at the start of last week, said Gombu Sherpa, who was guiding a group of Germans. But that changed suddenly when the snow blew in.

"We could hardly see anyone, even within a couple of feet. The wind was blowing snow and visibility was almost zero," he said in a telephone interview after returning by bus to Katmandu.

## Power cut, trees fall as hurricane crosses Bermuda, heads toward Canada

The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Hurricane Gonzalo crushed trees, flattened power lines and damaged Bermuda's main hospital during an hours-long battering — the second time the tiny British territory has been slammed by a powerful storm in less than a year.

The storm's center crossed over

Bermuda Friday night, and its winds and heavy surf whipped at the island early Saturday before Gonzalo quickly moved northward over the Atlantic on a track that could take it just off the shore of Newfoundland in Canada.

Bermuda Gov. George Ferguson tweeted that police have reported no deaths or serious injuries and that damage has been extensive but not catastrophic.

Forecasters warned of the danger of a storm surge of 10 feet that could cause widespread flooding, but officials had not yet made a full assessment of damage.

Nearly all of the 36,000 homes connected to Bermuda's sole power provider were believed to be without electricity after the hurricane roared through, just days after Tropical Storm Fay damaged homes and also knocked

down trees and power lines.

"To be hit twice by two different cyclones is unusual, to say the least," said Max Mayfield, a former director of the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Police Commissioner Michael DeSilva said almost all roads in Bermuda were impassable as crews began to clear debris and fallen trees and power lines. He urged people to stay at home and

stay on the island's Emergency Broadcast Station that motorists would be turned back.

"Unless it's a life or death emergency — checking on your boat is not an emergency — we won't let you pass," he said.

Gonzalo approached Bermuda as a Category 3 storm, then weakened to Category 2 strength just before coming ashore with sustained winds of 110 mph.

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# OPINION

## 'War on women' ploy doesn't hold up

By GEORGE F. WILL

One of the wonders of this political moment is feminist contentment about the infantilization of women in the name of progressive politics. Government, encouraging academic administrations to micromanage campus sexual interactions, now assumes that, absent a script, women cannot cope. And the Democrats' trope about the Republicans' "war on women" clearly assumes that women are civic illiterates.

Access to contraception has been a constitutional right for 49 years (Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965). The judiciary has controlled abortion policy for 41 years (Roe v. Wade, 1973). Yet the Democratic Party thinks women can be panicked into voting about mythical menaces to these things.

One Democrat whose gallantry toward women is monomaniacal, Sen. Mark Udall, is now uncommonly known here as "Mark Uterus." He is seeking a second term by running such a relentlessly gynecological campaign that The Denver Post, endorsing his opponent, Rep. Cory Gardner, denounced the "shocking amount of energy and money" Udall has poured into saying Gardner favors banning birth control.

Actually, Gardner favors over-the-counter sales of oral contraceptives. In addition to being common sense, Gardner's proposal is his way of making amends for formerly advocating a state constitutional "personhood" amendment (it is again on the ballot this year, and will be decisive for Udall for a third time) and for endorsing similar federal legislation that has zero chance of passage. By defining personhood as begin-

ning at conception, these measures might preclude those birth control technologies that prevent implantation in the uterus of a fertilized egg. On this slender reed Udall leans his overheated accusations that Gardner is bent on "trampling on women's rights," is on a "crusade" for "eliminating" reproductive freedoms, and would "outlaw birth control."

Gardner, 40, cherubic and ebullient, is a human sunbeam whose unshakable cheerfulness is disconcertingly authentic as he exclaims to the waiter at breakfast, "Thank you for your work this morning!" A fifth-generation Coloradan who lives in a prairie town in a house once owned by his great-grandparents, Gardner is amused by an anomaly: "Udall looks like the Republican in this race — dour and angry."

When Gardner ran an ad saying Udall is "a real nice guy" but too much a creature of Washington to change it (Udall's father, an Arizona congressman, ran for president), Udall was using what an Arizona congressman and secretary of the interior, Udall's cousin is a senator from New Mexico), Udall, in high synthetic dudgeon, called the ad a reprehensible attack on his family. Which elicited this pious headline in The Washington Examiner: "Cory Gardner calls Mark Udall 'nice guy'; Democrats want ad pulled."

In losing Colorado's 2010 Senate race, the Republican candidate carried men by 14 points but lost women by 17. This 31-point gap will not be replicated this year. In a recent Fox News poll, Gardner trailed Udall among women by just 5 points while leading among men by 17. Independents favored Gardner by 15 points.

Barack Obama accepted the 2008

Democratic nomination here in a football stadium decorated with faux neoclassical columns made of plywood. He exhortingly told McCain for having "voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time." Ask Gardner to pass the salt and he will say: "Udall has supported Obama 99 percent of the time." The world turns.

So does Gardner. Ross Kaminsky, a radio host here, writes:

"Gardner tells a personal story. 'I was visiting a high school in Kit Carson, Colorado, when a young woman came up to me asking about in-state tuition for non-citizens. 'I'm graduating at the top of my high school class, but my parents brought me here illegally when I was 5 years old and without in-state tuition I can't afford college,' she said. 'Udall's answer was that for several reasons this really needed to be dealt with as part of broader immigration reform — left him feeling unsatisfied even though it accurately represented his view. He continues: 'Five years later, I went back to Kit Carson and sat down in a little restaurant for a quick bite. And who do you think ended up here serving me? The same girl who five years earlier was the valedictorian of her high school.' Gardner's conclusion... is that this cannot be the best outcome for the girl, for her family, or for the state of Colorado."

In order to change your mind, you have to have one. The "war on women" incantation is mindless — a substitute for thought. This is surely obvious to thinking women including one Gardner knows in Kit Carson.

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## Uncompromising Congress a security threat

By REKHA BASU

The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

Many of us around the country have had about enough of the intense political divisiveness showing up in campaign ads. But our angst apparently is nothing compared to the frustration being felt in the nation's capital on both sides of the political aisle. There, members of the defense establishment believe the partisan divide is actually undermining our national security.

At a two-day national security conference in Washington sponsored by Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism this month, speaker after speaker voiced the same frustration over the budget sequester and the failure of Congress to negotiate.

"Congress is about as worthless an outfit as I've seen in 40 years," declared Arnold Punaro, a retired Marine Corps major general, who chairs the National Defense Industrial Association and the Reserve Forces Policy Board, which advises Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Reserve and National Guard matters.

Yet that "worthless outfit" holds ultimate power over our national security, Punaro said. The defense budget that came out of the sequester's automatic spending cuts is both bloated and insufficient to meet current military demands, he said.

He predicts that in 10 years, the U.S. will have a fighting force that is both too small and unprepared to deal with the new nature of the threats we face while "health care costs and entitlements are turning DOD into an entitlements company that occasionally kills a terrorist."

We might disagree on those entitlements, but Punaro is worth listening to when he says we can't use the same de-

terrence methods to deal with the Islamic State group as we did to deal with the Soviets during the Cold War, without getting to the root causes of the fight.

In an interview with USA Today, Leon Panetta, President Barack Obama's former defense secretary, recently said Obama should not have been like Syria's President Bashar Assad against using chemical weapons and then failed to follow through in 2013. Panetta said the empty threat left international allies reluctant to join us in fighting the Islamic State. Obama wanted congressional authorization — in my view, appropriate — to use force against the group.

But it's one thing to say we want members of Congress to cooperate, and another to hear experts say we are less safe because of their failure to do so.

Michele Flournoy was undersecretary of defense for policy from 2009 to 2012 and now is CEO of the Center for New American Security. She shares the view that the failure to get a "rational" budget deal and the paralysis of Washington will become a national security issue, breeding a lack of confidence in the U.S. and opening the door for terrorism.

It will hurt us in our ability to lead and in the perception of us as a power," said Flournoy, who was principal adviser to the defense secretary on security and defense policy.

She says there are workable solutions, but the politics, rather than the substance of the disputes, is blocking them. Members of Congress are at odds with priorities if they are seen as working with the other party.

"Now the most dangerous thing you can do is agree to compromise," said Flournoy.

My fear is that something really bad will happen. We will have some operational failure because we were penny-pinching."

Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Talley, senior leader for the U.S. Army Reserve, said sequestration is affecting its force.

"I'm 20 percent of the total Army but 5.8 percent of the Army's budget," he said notwithstanding the majority of U.S. Army missions, including now fighting Ebola, "can't be done without it."

Congress funds only 39 days of training for the Reserve a year.

When the government shut down a year ago, training for the Army Reserve and the National Guard was halted. The Guard and Reserve account for just under half of the 2.3 million men and women in uniform.

Joseph Collins, a retired Army colonel who served in the Pentagon for a decade and was active in the early planning of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, is now a director at the National Defense University. He argues that the U.S. is "pricing ourselves out of superpower status," and Congress should be closing unnecessary military bases that cost too much to maintain. Taxpayers are also "spending huge amounts to modernize the nuclear arsenal," though nuclear weapons are redundant, he said.

"The government is not going to work if the Congress won't do the work it's supposed to," he said.

From my view, the blame is not equally shared between the two parties. The tea party has pushed Republicans in Congress to the far right and made it a matter of honor not to negotiate with the president.

"Our revolution was a compromise," said Punaro, who also noted the corrupting effect of political spending by outside groups on our politics. "Our Constitution is a compromise."

Here's the bottom line: How can we expect to win any foreign wars if some of our elected leaders have made their top priority being at war with each other?

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## OPINION

# ‘Citizenfour’ – Edward Snowden exalted

By FRED KAPLAN

If all I knew about Edward Snowden were his portrait in Laura Poitras’ documentary, “Citizenfour,” I’d probably regard him as a conscientious, brave young man, maybe an American hero. But Poitras, a very talented filmmaker who flipped from journalist to collaborator in this story long ago, has chosen to leave a lot out.

Snowden’s claim as a whistleblower, exposing the National Security Agency’s violations of civil liberties, rests on some of the documents that he leaked, which reveal that the NSA’s domestic surveillance was far more extensive than anyone had imagined — and, in a few instances, conducted in defiance of orders from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

However, many other documents — which he downloaded at the NSA facility in Hawaii and turned over to Poitras and The Guardian’s Glenn Greenwald in Hong Kong — go far beyond exposures of spying on Americans.

Judging from Snowden-derived stories in The Guardian and The Washington Post, some of these documents also detail NSA intercepts of email and cellphone conversations by Taliban fighters in Pakistan, assessments of CIA assets in several foreign countries, and surveillance of cellphone calls “worldwide” (in the Post’s words) allows the NSA “to look for unknown associates of known intelligence targets by tracking people whose movements intersect.” In Snowden’s first interview abroad, with the South China Morning Post, he disclosed that NSA routinely hacks into hundreds of computers in Hong Kong and China. Just last week, a story co-authored by Poitras in Greenwald’s new publication, the Intercept, revealed — again, based on Snowden-supplied documents — that the NSA has undercover operatives in Germany and China.

When you think about other intelligence operations, the NSA’s core mission is to intercept communications of foreign governments and agents. If Snowden and company wanted to take down an intelligence agency, they should say so. But that has nothing to do with whistleblowing or constitutional rights.

## Picking and choosing

At one very interesting point in the film, Snowden tells Poitras and Greenwald, “Some of these documents are legitimately classified,” and their release “could do great harm” to intelligence sources and methods. He adds, “I trust you’ll be responsible” in handling them.

This is what most baffles me about the whole Snowden case. What kind of whistleblower hands over a digital library of extremely classified documents on a vast range of topics, shrugs his shoulders, and says, “I’ll let you decide what to publish? He tells the two journalists that he’s “too biased” to pick and choose himself. What does that mean? These are esoteric, in some cases highly technical documents; he’s in a better position to know their implications than Poitras and Greenwald; certainly he could warn them. “Oops, I shouldn’t have included this one. It’s really sensitive.”

In an Oct. 16 livestreamed interview, part of the New Yorker’s annual festival, Jane Mayer asked Snowden if any of the stories inspired by his documents went too far in divulging secrets. He replied, “It’s not my place” to render judgment. That’s not true: It’s precisely his place to do that. It’s a gigantic evasion to leak however many beyond-top-secret documents he liked — some say tens of thousands, some say millions — and then abrogate all



KIN CHEUNG/AP

**A supporter holds a picture of Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who leaked top-secret information about U.S. surveillance programs, outside the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong in June 2013.**

responsibility for their circulation to the world.

Daniel Ellsberg, whom Snowden cites as a model, didn’t ruffle through every classified vault at the RAND Corp. and turn the stash over to The New York Times for its editors to pick and choose. Ellsberg had a goal: He wanted to end the Vietnam War. “The Pentagon Papers” — an official secret history of the war, commissioned by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, replete with internal memos and documents — revealed the deceptions that got us into the war and the lies that perpetuated our involvement. Even so, Ellsberg did not Xerox or leak four volumes of the papers; he regarded them — they dealt with ongoing peace negotiations — as legitimately secret.

Then again, maybe there’s no mystery here. Maybe Snowden’s intent, all along, was to take down the top-secret edifice, and his dissociation from decisions on what to publish is a legal maneuver to quash his indictment under the Espionage Act, should he ever come home to face trial.

In the interview with Jane Mayer, Snowden said a few times that the secrets he spilled aren’t really very serious anyway. Regarding the NSA’s bulk collection of metadata — the topic of the first several newspaper articles about the leaks — he claimed, “They’ve never stopped a single American attack.”

His source for that claim was the December 2013 report by President Obama’s commission on NSA reform, whose members were given full access to the agency’s personnel and documents. True, the report concluded that information gathered from metadata collection (under Section 215 of the Patriot Act) “was not essential to preventing attacks and could readily have been obtained in a timely manner” using other methods. However, the report also noted that information gathered from foreign intercepts (under Section 702) “contributed in some degree” to halting 53 terrorist attacks. “We are persuaded,” the report went on, “that section 702 does in fact play an important role in the nation’s effort to prevent terrorist attacks across the globe.”

The claim about Section 702 would be

moot if Snowden had leaked documents only about domestic surveillance, but he leaked documents about foreign surveillance, too.

Then there’s the unavoidable issue of Snowden’s escape route: first to Hong Kong, then to Latin America via Moscow. There are many more efficient routes from Hong Kong to Latin America than one that goes through Moscow. Snowden says in the film that he hadn’t planned on stopping in Moscow, but the State Department canceled his passport, so, for 40 days, he was trapped inside Sheremetyevo airport, before the Russian government granted him asylum.

There are some problems with this scenario. First, if the Kremlin had wanted Snowden to leave, he could have been issued a temporary visa, allowing him to leave the international transit lounge and board a plane. Second, the Russian newspaper Kommersant reported that, in the three days after the hotel interviews when Snowden went missing in Hong Kong, he was, for at least some of this time, inside the Russian Consulate. (The film says he went “underground” with the help of local lawyers.)

Finally, Poitras does not show, for obvious reasons, the press conference that Snowden held in Moscow soon after the asylum was granted, thanking those who had supported him. “These nations — including Russia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Ecuador — have my gratitude and respect,” he proclaimed, “for being the first to stand against human rights violations carried out by the powerful.”

It must be hard to read those words, and still defend Snowden as a bold defender of liberty, without hiding one’s head in shame.

## ‘If policy switches’

So, how’s the movie? For the first hour, it’s very entertaining. It begins with Poitras receiving an email from a “senior government official” who wants to supply her with shocking secrets about U.S. intelligence. (Snowden, a 29-year-old contractor, was neither senior nor a government official, but who’s counting?) Then she and

Greenwald meet him at his hotel room in Hong Kong, where they stay holed up for eight days, interviewing him and sometimes just watching him shuffling across the room, looking out the window.

This is the heart of the film. Snowden comes off as an appealing character: smart, eloquent, eccentric, and self-centered (nothing wrong with that — most whistleblowers are), and more than a little paranoid. (He covers himself with a blanket while typing a password on his laptop, to elude... what? An NSA camera hidden in the wall behind his bed? Even though we all know how the story turns out, Poitras makes it suspenseful and gripping.)

But after Snowden leaves the picture, the film drags. We see Greenwald driving around, giving speeches, some of them in seemingly fluent Portuguese, which is impressive but also redundant and boring. Ditto for scenes with the Guardian’s editors and Snowden’s pro bono lawyers; they might be interesting if they conveyed anything of substance, but they don’t.

In the final scene, we see Snowden reunited with Poitras and Greenwald in the Moscow hotel room where, if I’m not mistaken, NBC’s Brian Williams conducted his own shamefully softball interview with the spy who went into the cold. Greenwald whispers news of a “second source” at the NSA, no doubt inspired by Snowden’s example. But this source’s revelations, which spark oohs and ahs from Snowden, as if on cue, are nothing new at all. One of them discloses that the decision chain for launching drone strikes goes all the way up to “POTUS” (the president of the United States). This has been known for a long time.

Another of the disclosures is that 1.2 million Americans are under some stage of watch. The Intercept wrote about this in April. Reuters’ Mark Hosenball wrote about it, albeit in less detail, in May 2013. And the existence, if not the precise scope, of the program — known as the Terrorist Identities Datamart Environment, or TIDE, run by the National Counterterrorism Center — is cited in public government documents.

There are Snowden’s numbers are true (and let’s say they are), this is clearly an out-of-control program, all too typical of the tendency, among law enforcement agencies everywhere, to mistake vast lists as a substitute for focused analysis. But it’s not the case — as the scene at the end of the film suggests — that these 1.2 million people are actually under active NSA (or FBI or CIA) surveillance.

Nonetheless, Snowden makes a valid point — that the existence of these programs, and the amazing technology that allows them, creates a potential for abuse. Snowden makes the same point in the film. “If policy switches,” he says in the film, these programs “would maintain in a certain degree surveillance and make it impossible for anyone to speak out against ‘state power.’”

It’s significant that Snowden prefaced his concern by saying, “If policy switches.” The policy is not so twisted today. The Obama commissioners, cited by Snowden in a different context, wrote in their report that they “found no evidence of illegality or other abuse of authority for the purpose of targeting domestic political activity.”

But potential abuse is a legitimate concern. Imagine if these programs had been around when Richard Nixon was president or J. Edgar Hoover was FBI director. The violations of civil liberties, which were eye-opening enough (when they were later revealed), might have been more oppressive. That’s one warning worth taking from Snowden’s disclosures. I wish that he’d left them at that.

Fred Kaplan wrote for Slate.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Pit bull puppy found in pocket during drug bust

**MA** LAWRENCE — Police searching the pockets of a suspected drug dealer in Lawrence got an unusual surprise.

An officer pulled out a tiny 3-week-old pit bull puppy and handed it over to animal control.

The little dog was separated from its mother too soon and got sick and dehydrated, but is now recovering at BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Waltham.

Veterinarian Kristina DePaula estimates the dog is no more than three or four weeks old.

The puppy, dubbed Pocket, of course, should be ready for adoption within a few weeks.

## Police: Woman killed after stepping out of RV

**AL** MONTGOMERY — Montgomery County sheriff's officials said a woman was killed after stepping out of a moving recreational vehicle on Interstate 65.

Chief Deputy Derrick Cunningham said the 49-year-old woman was in the vehicle with her mother and father south of Montgomery at about 10 p.m. Thursday.

Cunningham said the father was driving and the mother was in the restroom when the woman opened the door and stepped out. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

It's unclear why the woman, whose name hasn't been released, might have left the RV. Authorities say her parents are cooperating with investigators.

## FBI: Body exhumed is not wanted fugitive

**MD** BALTIMORE — An unidentified body exhumed in Alabama is not the man accused of using a sledgehammer to kill his family in Maryland in 1976, the FBI said Wednesday.

The FBI had said photos of the unidentified hitchhiker who was killed in a hit-and-run looked like William Bradford "Brad" Bishop Jr., but using DNA, agency scientists determined it was not him, spokeswoman Amy Thoreson said in an email.

Bishop was accused of killing his wife, mother and three sons in their Bethesda home in 1976. Authorities later found the bodies burned in North Carolina and Bishop's station wagon in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park south of Gatlinburg, Tenn.

## 2 men cleared in 1985 NYC kidnapping, killing

**NY** NEW YORK — Cleared of the murder that had put him behind bars for almost 30 years, David McCallum sobbed and thought of the man who wasn't there with him.

Co-defendant Willie Stuckey's conviction also had just been thrown out after Brooklyn District Attorney Kenneth Thompson concluded the two confessed falsely to teenagers to kidnapping and killing a stranger and taking a joyride in his car. But Stuckey



MICHAEL DWYER/AP

## USS Constitution heading to dry dock

The USS Constitution takes a final tour of Boston Harbor on Friday before entering dry dock for a three-year restoration project. The frigate, which is the world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat, departed from its berth at the Charlestown Navy Yard with about 500 specially-invited guests for the tour.

wasn't in court Wednesday to be freed. He died in prison in 2001.

"After 29 years, it's a bitter-sweet moment because I'm walking out alone," McCallum, 45, said as he left court to hugs from relatives and applause from supporters. But, he said, "freedom feels great."

## Teen mom lies about giving her baby away

**MO** ST. CHARLES — A teen mother who told police someone had kidnapped her toddler really gave her son away to a heroin user, police said. Desiree Ann-Marie Cozzoni, 18, told police she gave the child up because she wanted to live the life of "a normal teenager."

Cozzoni has been moving from

place to place, often living with a heroin user who police say stayed at motels because she was homeless, unemployed and had lost custody of her own children.

The drug user bought and used heroin daily, often in Cozzoni and her son's presence, police said.

Earlier this month, Cozzoni signed over custody of her 16-month-old to the woman on non-legal documents. Cozzoni even changed her phone number the week of Oct. 6 to prevent the person caring for her son from contacting her, according to court documents.

Later, Cozzoni claimed the woman had kidnapped her son.

Cozzoni is facing three misdemeanor charges: making a false report, endangering the welfare of a child and unlawful use of

drug paraphernalia.

## Man, friend killed in crash on wedding day

**OH** UPPER SANDUSKY — An Ohio man was killed on his wedding day when a pickup truck also carrying his new wife and friends crashed last weekend, his friends said.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol said Andrew Bloomfield, 27, and a friend were killed last Sunday in northern Ohio's Wyandot County when a driver lost control of a pickup truck carrying the group.

The Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum reported that Bloomfield had married Ruth Driskill, 37, hours before the crash, which happened just before 4 p.m. She was in critical condition Monday.

## THE CENSUS

**36K** The number of pounds of Crisco sticks aboard a truck that was stolen

while on its way to a grocery store chain distribution center. St. Petersburg, Fla., police said the tractor-trailer, which was destined for a Public distribution center in Lakeland, was a 2005 red Volvo with a Florida tag. It had the business name "NS Express LLC"

on both sides of the cab. The trailer was a white Hyundai.



Also killed in the crash was Elizabeth Shelton, 26.

The patrol said Bloomfield and Shelton were ejected when the Dodge pickup went out of control and struck an embankment and a utility pole before rolling.

The driver, Timothy Tebbe, was in critical condition.

## Man flushed out in alleged plumbing theft

**FL** ST. PETERSBURG — Police say they've flushed out a man accused of stealing the handles and pipes of toilets in parks and restaurant restrooms around a Florida city.

St. Petersburg police said Friday that they arrested a homeless man. He is accused of stealing the plumbing from Cracker Barrel, Burger King, Bob Evans and other restaurants. Police released a photo of a pile of metal toilet parts that they say Brian Rinda stole.

Police said Rinda, 28, caused about \$1,000 in damage and traded the brass valve and piping at a county recycling center.

Rinda was charged with eight counts of grand theft and 1 count of petit theft. He is being held at the county jail on \$20,000 bail.

## Intruder grabs toddler, is taken into custody

**KS** NEWTON — A Kansas man is accused of breaking into a home and grabbing a 3-year-old child before police wrestled the intruder away.

The Hutchinson News reported that the incident happened at about 11 p.m. Thursday in the south-central city of Newton.

Authorities said police received several calls about a man trying to force his way into at least four homes along a Newton street.

Police began searching the area and heard screaming from inside one house. An officer confronted the intruder, who had taken the toddler from a bedroom while talking about harming the family.

The suspect and the officer were both injured in a scuffle. The intruder was taken into custody for a mental health assessment.

From wire reports

## LIFESTYLE

# Out of their GOURDS

Growers produce crazy-big pumpkins that pack as many as 1,800 pounds

By MEG JONES

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

**L**ike their neighbors on their quiet street in Combined Locks, Wis., Glen and Margaret Martin decorate their yard for Halloween.

But only the Martins' decorations attract gawkers. Tipping the scales at more than 1,700 pounds each, the Martins' pumpkins are actually a bit on the slender side compared with other giant pumpkins grown in Wisconsin this year. Glen Martin should know: He's president of Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers.

The organization started 20 years ago with 14 growers. It now numbers 120 and meets regularly to discuss competitions and schedule pumpkin-growing seminars.

"As with many things in Wisconsin, it started in a bar," Glen Martin said. "A bunch of guys standing around saying, 'I can grow a bigger pumpkin.'"

For \$25,

members get instructions and a pack of seeds. The group schedules a free pumpkin patch tour for the public in late July, where gardens are laden with gigantic vegetables and gourds.

You can almost watch them grow. Giant pumpkin vines typically grow 6 inches a day and the fruit packs on two pounds per hour. They start as Atlantic Giant variety seeds, though many giant pumpkin growers crossbreed seeds or acquire them from prize winners.

Seeds can sell for as much as \$500 each. When New Richmond, Wis., grower Chris Stevens auctioned one of his 2010 world record holder's seeds for charity, it sold for

\$1,600. Mostly, though, growers get them for free from other giant pumpkin gardeners or swap them.

Stevens grew a 1,810-pound giant in 2010 that broke the world record. He has been chasing that record ever since, particularly since world records have been broken nine out of the past 10 years. This year's world record holder is a guy in Switzerland who grew a 2,096-pounder. This season, Stevens' biggest pumpkin is close to 1,400 pounds.

"That's disappointing to me," Stevens said. "People say, 'What do you mean you're disappointed?' Well, when you've had 1,800 pounds, yes, it's disappointing."

Growing a giant pumpkin isn't easy. Seeds are planted in small pots in April and grown indoors for two weeks before they're put into the ground. Gardeners have to think ahead and leave enough room for the vine to snake out and the giant pumpkin to grow, typically a plot that's 25 feet by 35 feet for one orange gourd.

Flowers are usually hand-pollinated, and growers pick off the

rest of the flowers to focus all the energy on the fruit, said Irwin Goldman, chairman of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Horticulture.

"It's not a simple thing to do even though to an outside observer it looks easy," Goldman said. "It's actually a bit of a challenge."

One of Nienhuis' students plotted a chart of record-setting giant pumpkins dating to 1950 and learned that each year the winner has gone up an average of 20 to 30 pounds.

"That's all due to selection," Nienhuis said. "A big question is how much of that is due to genetics and how much is due to environment. Wisconsin is a good place to grow them. Where they grow best is where you have large bodies of water with high humidity."

For contest weigh-offs, giant pumpkins cannot be broken, have holes or excessive rot. Growers use harnesses attached to tractors to lift the fruits, load them onto flatbed trailers and travel to the scales.

Though prize money, plaques and bragging rights are at stake, growers like Stevens and the Martins say they enjoy seeing eyes widen as strangers spot their giant pumpkins.

"As dorky as it seems, this time of year when you're hauling them in your trailer, people think it's just absolutely amazing. It's crazy how cool they are," Stevens said.

**Glen Martin, president of Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers, poses with a 1,719-pound pumpkin in Combined Locks, Wis.**

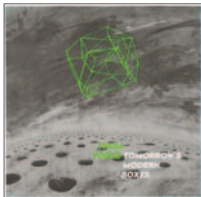
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# MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS



**Thom Yorke**  
Tomorrow's Modern Boxes  
(Self-released)

There's been a group out there defending Thom Yorke for 15 years. They're a hardy but dwindling lot, holding the line as fickle fans became more and more disinterested watching the increasingly inscrutable Radiohead frontman float into the ambient atmosphere under the spell of Flying Lotus and Modeselektor.

Yorke's second solo album won't slow the erosion. In fact, "Tomorrow's Modern Boxes" most likely will be remembered more for the way it was released than for the music it actually contains (a growing theme as more big artists look for splashy new distribution models).

Yorke released "Boxes" as a bundle on BitTorrent, the latest in a growing line of guerrilla releases from Yorke and his cohorts. Remember the pay-what-you-want sales model for Radiohead's "In Rainbows"?

"Boxes" gives fans eight songs and a video for the happy price of \$6. Yorke and longtime producer Nigel Godrich hope it will offer a model for other artists.

All of this is interesting. Unfortunately, it's more interesting than the bedroom electronica Yorke offers on "Boxes."

The great thing about Thom Yorke, his defenders say, is he's always doing something different. You can never guess what a Radiohead album will sound like before it's released. Yorke's first solo album, 2006's "The Eraser," also marked new territory.

This time around Yorke draws a straight line from his previous work. There's little to distinguish the music here from some of the more spacey pieces on "The Eraser" and Radiohead's last album, "The King of Limbs."

— Chris Talbott  
The Associated Press



**Johnny Marr**  
Playland (Warner)

When Johnny Marr completed his first solo album, "The Messenger," in 2013, the man behind the beautifully maudlin rhythms of The Smiths didn't rest on his laurels. He continued to write, and his sophomore effort, "Playland," is the pleasant result of that work ethic.

"Playland" is strong with guitar certainly, but is also rich with hooks and a decidedly energetic pace. If you're waiting for sad Smithian sand kickers, you won't find them here.

Marr airs out things into a larger wall of sound, offering the solid song "Candidate" about living in the moment. I'm tempted to play that song backward to discern if there's a hidden clue about a reunion of The Smiths. Mercurial Smiths frontman Morrissey and Marr remain publicly at odds over the proposal, but there's all ways hope.

— Ron Harris  
The Associated Press



**Flying Lotus**  
You're Dead! (Warp)

It takes a minute to get your head around Flying Lotus' fifth album, because he has so many ideas flitting around his. The 30-year-old, wildly creative Los Angeles experimental music producer born Stephen Ellison also rhymes under the nom de rap Captain Murphy (who "guests" on two "You're Dead!" tracks).

He's apt to mix psych rock guitar solos and drum 'n' bass electronic beats, full-on chanting, and free-form jazz improvisation.

In service of his musical vision, Ellison pulls in various musical helpmates, including Herbie Hancock, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, Dirty Projectors singer Angel Deradoorian, and monster bassist Thundercat. All are expertly utilized in getting across the mind-expanding "You're Dead!" message: You're Alive!

Dan DeLuca  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



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# RISK & REWARD

David Gray finds value in changing recording process for 10th album

BY TIMOTHY FINN  
The Kansas City Star

When he started work on his 10th studio album, David Gray had one thing in mind: taking a different approach to everything, from songwriting to production.

"I didn't want to repeat myself," he said. "I didn't want to just set jaded observations to music. I wanted to find something else, a sense of epiphany."

The results are the 11 songs that make up "Mutineers," which was released in June. It was produced by Andy Barlow, one half of the electronic band Lamb.

To extract something fresh or epiphanic out of the large batch of songs Gray brought into the studio, Barlow imposed a process that Gray said was challenging but ultimately accomplished his goal: "I was thirsty to get new sounds involved. It was challenging at times, learning to trust the other person, but I was up for it."

He'd imposed changes of his own long before he went into the studio, when he put the songwriting process in reverse.

"Normally, I write chords, then melodies, then lyrics," he said. "This time I wrote words first, then the music. It was fascinating. It disabled my sense of taste. When I was writing songs like 'Birds of the High Arctic' and 'Snow in Vegas,' I wasn't certain what I thought of them. I wasn't certain the melody had any merit."

"But I worked in a more objective fashion in finishing them, and I later realized they were as good as any I'd done the other way."

Gray, 46, is a native of Sale, England. As a youth, his musical influences included Bob Dylan, Tom Waits, Van Morrison, John Martyn and Nick Drake. He has since become a fan of peers such as Will Oldham and Bill Callahan.

He has been a recording artist since 1993, when he released the acoustic-folk album "A Century Ends." In 2000, ATO Records, co-founded by Dave Matthews, re-released Gray's fourth album, "White Ladder," which contained what would become his first and biggest hit, "Babylon."

From 2002 to 2010, he released four full-length albums and a greatest-hits collection. Reviews ranged from glowing to lukewarm. The All Music Guide called "Draw the Line," released in 2009, "essentially another cog in the folksy wheel he's been spinning since 'New Day at Midnight,'" released in 2002.

So when it came time to make "Mutineers," Gray was adamant about not spinning his wheels or regurgitating words and music he'd already made,

about exploring places he'd never seen. Barlow became the catalyst for getting him there. Gray estimated he brought about four dozen songs into the studio in varying stages of completion.

"Andy has a very good ear and decisive ear about the possibility in the music," he said, "and he pushed me around to get me to crack the songs open. Occasionally, it was hard to take, having your most intimate work pulled apart in front of you."

"Instead of trying to do posher versions of dèjans, we tore them up and started again."

Much of the record was created in the studio, Gray said, and those risks and that spontaneity give the album a different bite.

Literally, "Mutineers" is more uplifting. And the music is more

"celebratory," as Gray put it. It has received some of the best reviews of his career.

Finding "the new," not reviews, was what the process was all about — emerging from a void he'd been suspended in, as he put it. Gray said the rewards were hard-won but invigorating.

"It's a new sense of being alive musically," he said, "all infused with renewed energy and a celebratory tone. But it wasn't easy getting there."



Looking for a fresh approach, singer-songwriter David Gray brought in Andy Barlow, half of the electronic band Lamb, to produce "Mutineers."



## MUSIC

# DEFYING LABELS

## Florida Georgia Line's 'Anything Goes' sure to please fans, if not critics

Florida Georgia Line: Brian Kelley, left, and Tyler Hubbard.

Courtesy of Sweet Talk Publicity



By KRISTIN M. HALL

The Associated Press

If you think Florida Georgia Line has been bothered by critics taking shots at them over their interpretation of country music, the duo says they're looking forward to round two.

"Anybody that has made any mark on history, musically or business-wise ... has always been criticized for it," said singer Tyler Hubbard, the Georgia-born half of the award-winning duo. "So we're hoping to be criticized, because that means we're doing something big and that means we're making big moves and we're making history."

Hubbard, 27, and Brian Kelley, 29, have become targets for labels like "bro-country" that dismiss as a passing fashion the pair behind the most popular digital country single of all time, a hip-hop remix of their good-time ode "Cruise" with rapper Nelly that has gone platinum eight times.

Their sophomore album, "Anything Goes," has more songs that are sure to both excite legions of fans and challenge anyone trying to pigeonhole them.

"Honestly, we are kinda buckled up, expecting more criticism, because anything that takes off and anything that is successful, it becomes cool to hate that," Hubbard said. "It becomes cool to put that down and everyone wants to knock you off the top."

Jason Aldean, who had the pair open for him on his Night Train tour, said they have brought a younger generation of fans to country music.

"I think what they brought to the format is what it needed," said Aldean, whose hit single "Burnin' It Down" is an R&B-style love song that Hubbard and Kelley co-wrote. "It needed a shot in the arm."

They built their work ethic during long days of songwriting and small-town gigs, like the Tennessee country fair where they met their producer, Joey Moi.

They paid homage to their traditional country roots by releasing "Dirt," a nostalgic, sentimental ballad that peaked at No. 11 on the Hot 100, as the first single from the new record.

"It still has a traditional way, but it's done in a fresh, modern FGL kind of way," Kelley said.

They went the other direction on the beachy "Sun Daze," which includes lyrics about getting stoned that could test some country radio programmers.

"For us, especially on this album, we almost said 'no rules' when we were writing these songs," Hubbard said. "Let's just write this from the heart, what we want to write, what we want to sing and what we want to perform every night. Anything goes, who cares what it is."

The professional partners are actually pretty settled down. Since the debut album, Kelley got married and Hubbard is engaged.

"We haven't focused on the things that success can buy," Kelley said. "We're very honored to have all that behind us, there to carry and gone tomorrow and we want to make music that's going to last forever, that people can enjoy."

### Florida Georgia Line

Anything Goes (Republic Nashville)

Busting out with a record-breaking country single, as Florida Georgia Line did with its multiplatinum smash, "Cruise," doesn't always ensure long-term success. But "Anything Goes," the duo's second album, suggests they have enough talent and ideas to get past the backlash that comes with overexposure.

Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley keep the mood fun and grooving, with producer Joey Moi bringing plenty of fresh sonic surprises amid the beats and harmonies.



For example, "Sun Daze" could be undermined by the silly pun of its title, on a song about spending a Sunday soaking in rays and indulging in at least two brand-name liquors.

But Moi's arrangement brings in whistling, hand claps and a banjo to create a bright groove that insists on making hips sway.

Similarly, new single "Bumpin' the Night" works a predictable double entendre about a couple moving in tandem while drinking (of course), cruising the town and sharing time alone. But the arrangement once again comes to the rescue.

Florida Georgia Line's recent hit, "Dirt," proved the band can deal with subjects beyond throwing down with friends. But they rarely bother on the rest of "Anything Goes." And that's OK, as long as Florida Georgia Line remains this consistently inventive and engaging.

—Michael McCall  
The Associated Press

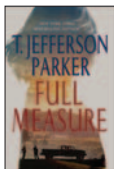
## BOOKS

## Full Measure

T. Jefferson Parker

T. Jefferson Parker delivers an emotional and gut-wrenching literary departure that's miles away from what his crime-novel fans would expect in "Full Measure."

Patrick Norris returns home after a military tour in Afghanistan. He has been forever



changed by the horrors he faced, the people he was forced to kill and the friends he watched die. Patrick is happy to see his family

and start a small sport fishing business. But an arsonist has destroyed the majority of the trees on his parents' avocado farm. They're close to financial ruin and they ask Patrick for help, which forces him to put aside his dreams.

The challenge to rebuild the business, along with secrets that threaten to tear the family apart, takes away the hope he had when he first returned. Patrick has left the battlefield of Afghanistan to enter another war, this time on the homefront. Parker captures the experience of what it means for a soldier to return home. The economic struggle of Patrick's family showcases the plight of the working farmer.

Parker has a gift for storytelling, and "Full Measure" is realistic on every level.

— Jeff AyersAP

## Truth Be Told

Hank Phillippi Ryan

In "Truth Be Told," reporter Jane Ryland is investigating families who have lost their homes due to foreclosure. While on-site at a house that a bank is taking away from a family, Ryland sees police and then the medical examiner arrive. When Detective Jake Brogan arrives on the scene, Ryland realizes there's been a homicide.

Brogan and Ryland are secretly dating. Their relationship needs to be kept under wraps because of potential conflict of interest. Their feelings make it difficult to do their jobs effectively and spend any time together. Is their relationship doomed? Can they work on the same case?

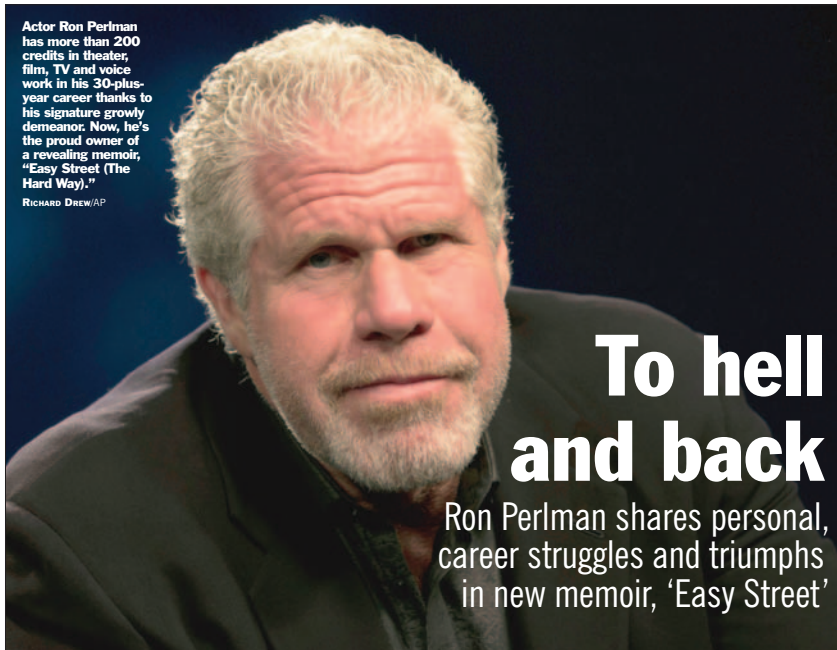
While the murder puts them together working side by side, Brogan receives a confession from a man claiming to be responsible for the murder of a young girl years earlier. This cold case has plagued Brogan, and while it would be great to have resolution, he can't shake the feeling that the man isn't guilty. But what would make the man confess to a crime he didn't commit?

Hank Phillippi Ryan juggles a lot of story elements, and she nails them all in this high-quality reading adventure.

— Jeff AyersAP

Actor Ron Perlman has more than 200 credits in theater, film, TV and voice work in his 30-plus-year career thanks to his signature growly demeanor. Now, he's the proud owner of a revealing memoir, "Easy Street (The Hard Way)."

RICHARD DREW/AP



By LEANNE ITALIE  
The Associated Press

Looking for Easy Street? Just follow the horned Hellboy, badass biker Clay Morrow or Vincent the lion man from "Beauty and the Beast."

The guy behind the facades is Ron Perlman whose self-professed Neanderthal bone structure and leading-man blue eyes have made him a household face.

Perlman, 64, has racked up more than 200 credits in theater, film, TV and voice work in his 30-plus years in Hollywood. Now, he's the proud owner of a revealing memoir, "Easy Street (The Hard Way)," co-written by Michael Largo with a foreword by one of his enablers, filmmaker Guillermo del Toro.

Of his many gigs, Perlman said in a recent interview, writing a book is the "trippiest part of it all." It's something he never figured he'd do, until his two kids — 24 and 28 — followed him into the arts and he doubted they had strong models like the ones that shaped him: Bogart, Brando, the Beatles and more.

Perlman, a salty talker ever chomping on a fat cigar, does a lot of namedropping in his book, but the native New Yorker also digs deep into his childhood, his lean years selling handbags to support his family, his older brother's suicide and his father's sudden death.

And there's "The Event," as he calls it — his own suicide attempt with pills and booze after realizing he hadn't hit Easy Street after all. There were no calls, no offers after his first big movie, "Quest for Fire" in 1982 in which he played a caveman.

Well into his second act, has Perlman finally made it?

Before Clay took a bullet to the jugular last season on "Sons of Anarchy," the motorcycle drama broke FX records. In addition to the book, Amazon just green lighted "Hand of God" for an original series, starring Perlman as a morally corrupt judge who speaks directly to the man upstairs through his brain-dead son.

Perlman's production company, Wing and a Prayer Pictures, has 10 projects in the works.

"So I'm quite busy," he said. "I'm in fantasyville right now. I really am."

A conversation with Ron Perlman:

You worshipped your dad, who used to take you to the movies and died of a massive coronary when he was only 49. And you hated yourself, the working class overweight Jewish kid who spent years thinking he wasn't worthy of anything. How did you get past all that?

I could not begin to tell you where these feelings of low self-esteem emanated from. It was just this thing. When it came time to achieve things that required a good deal of self-confidence, even just dating of girls, you're nowhere. That was me.

God comes up in the book and, obviously,

in "Hand of God." What kind of a relationship have you got with Him?

I come from a dad who I adored, upon whose thought and word I hung, and he was an agnostic and maybe even an atheist. He had kind of an active dysfunction with that kind of spiritual stuff. Strangely enough it was him dying that kind of turned me on to this universe that was made up of things that weren't explainable, that ultimately I assigned to this all-present, all-powerful being who sees all, knows all and who really actually does have a plan.

Once I recognized that such a being existed, I began to give myself over to it partially

and understand that it was a partnership. We talk. We talk a dozen times a day. Some people tweet.

You've said there are things in the book that not even Opal, your wife of 33 years, knew about. What are they and did you think it was time to break any big news to her in that way?

The event. The only thing that's in there that she was not privy to was that moment, what I tried to do. I got so low. I became clinically depressed, to the point where I couldn't help myself anymore. I was getting ready to check out and she didn't know that I actually got that low.

What has "Sons of Anarchy" meant to you?

It's far and away the most responded-to thing I've ever done in my entire career. That WAS a game changer.

Playing Clay Morrow was challenging, until it got to be something else. The character went down some roads that became very, very uncomfortable for me to play. I began to lose my admiration for Clay. He began making decisions and behaving in such a way where I began to stop admiring him. And I never played a character in my career that I didn't admire.

How did you feel about the way he was killed off?

Not great. I thought that there would be some sort of redemption at the end, that he would look at what he did and sort of have an "Oedipus at Colonus" kind of a moment where he became truly remorseful and he made good with all of the people that he hurt along the way, but it wasn't my story to write.

So you don't like motorcycles?

I rode a little bit for the show. It never became my thing. It became a lot of the other guys' thing. They really fell in love with this life, this sensation. I like my Bose speakers and the ashtray where I can put my cigar while I'm driving with two hands. I'm a different generation. The Sinatra generation.

# CROSSWORD AND COMICS

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### INNER WORKINGS

BY PAWEŁ FLUDZINSKI / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Short end of the stick</p> <p>8 1960s dance</p> <p>14 French port just up the coast from Boulogne</p> <p>20 Speedily</p> <p>21 Key of Grieg's only piano concerto</p> <p>22 Belabor, say</p> <p>23 Leading indicator?</p> <p>25 Spruce up</p> <p>26 Sinus specialist, succinctly</p> <p>27 Zest</p> <p>28 Bacalao and boquerones</p> <p>30 Ugly one</p> <p>31 Mistif</p> <p>36 "American Pie" songwriter</p> <p>39 Boosts</p> <p>40 "...Grows in Brooklyn"</p> <p>41 Shakespearean lament</p> <p>42 Like a pilot that's working again</p> <p>45 Locale that made Hillary famous</p> <p>49 One who's enthralled, metaphorically</p> <p>52 French possessive</p> <p>53 Response to a 26-Across, perhaps</p> <p>54 Botanist Gray</p> <p>55 Dedicated</p> <p>56 Quod ... demonstrandum</p>	<p>58 First steamship with a planned circumnavigation of the globe</p> <p>59 Something on a hero, maybe</p> <p>62 Greeted and seated</p> <p>64 Pinball or Snop Dogg</p> <p>66 Nover</p> <p>69 1998 Winter Olympics host</p> <p>72 Studio behind "Amadeus" and "Platoon"</p> <p>73 Winning an Oscar, Emmy and Tony, e.g.</p> <p>77 Activist Brockovich</p> <p>78 Hypnotist's signal</p> <p>79 One of a dozen popes</p> <p>80 Suffix with ball</p> <p>81 Game warden?</p> <p>82 U.S.N. rank</p> <p>84 Much ado about nothing</p> <p>89 "I wouldn't bet on it!"</p> <p>90 "...Grows in Brooklyn"</p> <p>93 Honduras-to-Guatemala direction</p> <p>94 Hearing-related</p> <p>95 Blues rocker Chris</p> <p>96 Become fixated</p> <p>97 Deteriorate rapidly for</p> <p>104 Make ... dash for</p> <p>105 Went out with</p> <p>106 Actress Falco</p> <p>107 Neutrons, symbolically</p> <p>110 Broccoli-like vegetable</p> <p>112 It's hard to find</p>	<p>117 Directs, as a conversation</p> <p>118 True</p> <p>119 Transgression</p> <p>120 Show disdain for, in a way</p> <p>121 Dinners at which people read at the table</p> <p>122 Hide</p>	<p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Sake source</p> <p>2 Like most graffiti, for short</p> <p>3 "Come again?"</p> <p>4 AT&amp;T Stadium team, on scoreboards</p> <p>5 Corner key</p> <p>6 Speedily</p> <p>7 ... Peace</p> <p>8 Charges</p> <p>9 Girl's name that becomes a different girl's name if you switch the first two letters</p> <p>10 Goalie Howard of U.S.A.'s 2010 and '14 World Cup teams</p> <p>11 QB Johnny</p> <p>12 Ping maker</p> <p>13 "To reiterate ..."</p> <p>14 Opposite of waste</p> <p>15 Michigan, in Chicago: Abbr.</p> <p>16 Hide stuf</p> <p>17 ...Petco ("Star Wars" droid)</p> <p>18 World peace, e.g.</p> <p>19 Atmospheric probe</p>	<p>24 "But wait, there's more ..."</p> <p>29 Best suited</p> <p>31 Mailroom stamp</p> <p>32 Like some chardonnays</p> <p>33 Relinquish</p> <p>34 Plotting</p> <p>35 Thousands, in slang</p> <p>36 Avian mimic</p> <p>37 What stripes and polka dots do</p> <p>38 Laua locale</p> <p>42 Lakers, to Celtics, e.g.</p> <p>43 It may be limited or late</p> <p>44 Subject of some '50s-'60s experiments</p> <p>45 Excellence</p> <p>46 Tombstone figure</p> <p>47 Brush material</p> <p>48 Two-time title role for Chris Hemsworth</p> <p>50 Artist Frida renowned for her self-portraits</p> <p>51 Took back, as lost territory</p> <p>58 Sunday recess?</p> <p>60 Unintouchable, e.g.</p> <p>61 Viennese one</p> <p>62 Long-billed wading bird</p> <p>63 12 months, in Rio</p> <p>64 Hike</p> <p>65 Chihuahua cry</p> <p>67 Preach, e.g.</p> <p>68 Go off</p> <p>69 Gun brand not endorsed by the U.S. military</p>
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70 Play \_\_\_\_

71 Photographic memory, e.g.

74 Thicket

75 Sweetie pie

76 Gets in the game

78 Beethoven's "Hammer-klavier," e.g.

79 ...curium decision

82 When repeated, party cry

83 Weird Al Yankovic, e.g.

85 Third person masculine?

86 Relative of turquoise

87 "...it"

88 International cricket match

90 Ones left holding the bag?

91 Gaps are filled with them

95 Fixed, as Easter eggs

96 Michael of "The Great Santini"

97 Like some truths briefly

98 Andrea or Nicolò, in the music world

99 Scruffs

100 Ho precursor

101 Gentle alarms

102 Go on to say

103 Some launch sites

107 Half of Mork's farewell

108 La Jolla campus, briefly

109 ...Ball

111 See 69-Down

113 Vane dir.

114 It is there

115 Army E-7: Abbr.

116 Contact info abbr.

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# GADGETS & CHARTS



Brad Pitt is Sgt. Don "Wardaddy" Collier in "Fury." Before the World War II tank drama reaches theaters this month, "World of Tanks" players can steer a virtual rendition of the tank Pitt commands in the film. The collaboration works to hype both movie and game.

## 'World of Tanks' game finds ally in upcoming 'Fury' film

BY DERRIK J. LANG  
The Associated Press

**"F**ury" is rolling into "World of Tanks."

Before the World War II tank drama reaches theaters this month, video gamers can make like Brad Pitt's character, Sgt. Don "Wardaddy" Collier, and steer a virtual rendition of the tank he commands in the film. It's the latest example of a likeminded movie and game aligning to hype each other, and it marks the first Hollywood pact for the popular online tank combat title.

"It made sense," said Victor Kisliy, CEO of "World of Tanks" developer Wargaming. "Both audiences are interested in historical accuracy, so why don't we do something together?"

The movie, set in 1945, follows a five-man crew as they carry out brutal missions behind enemy lines during the final days of war. Beginning this week, "World of Tanks Blitz" players can purchase a "Fury"-themed bundle for \$15 that adds the film's M4A3E8 Sherman tank — right down to the name Fury scrawled on the gun — to the mobile version of the game.

The nimble war machine, as well as a crewmember resembling Pitt's "Wardaddy" and "Fury"-themed missions inspired by the film's battles between German and American forces, will also be deployed to the PC and Xbox 360 editions of "World of Tanks" for \$30. While the game is free to play, upgraded tanks and resources cost extra for wannabe tankers.



"World of Tanks" players can now choose to play as "Wardaddy," Pitt's character from "Fury."

The game, originally released in Russia in 2010, currently features about 110 million registered players around the world battling each other in 500 different types of tanks representing various nations. "World of Tanks" boasts the Guinness World Record for the most players simultaneously on one server: 190,541 on a Russian server in 2013.

Sony Pictures approached Wargaming about the "Fury" collaboration after filmmakers recruited some of the same tank experts that the Cyprus-based game studio enlists to ensure accuracy in "World of Tanks." "Fury" director David Ayers was on hand at Wargaming's Electronic Entertainment Expo booth this summer to preview footage from the movie.

**ON THE COVER:** Vengeance is sweet for a ranger named Talon in "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor."

Warner Bros. photo

## GADGET WATCH

### Headphones offer powerful sound

BY GREGG ELLMAN  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

**B**lue is a company many, including myself, know for its outstanding recording microphone devices. Now they have launched the Mo-Fi headphones to listen to your recordings or any other audio.

I'd say with the launch of the Mo-Fi, Blue Microphones can call themselves a well-rounded audio company, after I heard the incredible sound pumped into my ears.

The over-the-head high-fidelity wired headphones include a 240 mW amplifier, 50mm dynamic drivers and a long-life, rechargeable (microUSB), 1020mAh polymer lithium-ion battery to power them for up to 14 hours. A cool feature shuts off the headphones once they are taken off.

According to Blue, the built-in audiophile amplifier offers six times more power than typical mobile devices, which explains why the sound is so powerful. The amp has a great feature with three settings: On, On+ and Off.

They describe the settings this way: When switched to On, Mo-Fi activates the amp to deliver powerful, detailed sound. On+ engages the amp's analog low-frequency enhancement circuit to deliver incredibly deep and smooth bass. Off puts Mo-Fi in passive mode, for connecting to a home AV receiver that may already have high-output amplification for headphones.

The Mo-Is have an almost retro-looking multi-jointed headband and ear cups, which are as comfortable as any. They are constructed with high-quality aluminum and high-strength plastic components, which all contribute to the attractive design.

The headband can be adjusted to fit most any head size or shape, all while the ear cups stay in place. A pivoting arm and a headband adjustment knob make it

simple to make changes.

While they aren't advertised as noise canceling, I don't think it matters. I wore them on a recent cross-country flight and with the clarity being so good and the volume cranked up, I don't think having that feature would add anything.

Included with the Apple-certified headphones are a carrying pouch, gold plated cables and a USB wall outlet charger.

Online: [moifiheadphones.com](http://moifiheadphones.com); \$349.99



**Toddy** has the solution to keep new smartphones, tablets and all our other touch-screen devices clean.

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My favorite is the Toddy wedge (\$14.99), built like a wedge. You can easily grab it and use the microfiber cleaning side for polishing. What makes it unique is it acts as a nice hands-free stand for desks.

Both the wedge and cloths are available in a variety of colors and patterns and can be customized with a logo or photo.

Online: [toddygear.com](http://toddygear.com); cloth \$9.99 each, or \$19.99 for a pack of three

The Kero Nomad cable is one of the smallest, but one of the most important accessories you should carry.

Kero calls the 3-inch portable lightning to USB cable the world's first key ring cable that charges and syncs mobile devices. It's made with flexible rubber so it can withstand wear and tear and has interlocking caps to ensure the safety of the charging tips.

All I can add is it's incredibly handy to always have a charging cable on hand.

The lightning tip (\$24.99) is compatible with all the Apple lightning products, including iPhone, iPad and iPod touch and the Nano.

A micro USB cable (\$14.99) is also available.

Online: [keroproducts.com](http://keroproducts.com)

## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Oct. 15:

1. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
2. "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
3. "Gonna Know We Were Here," Jason Alden
4. "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
5. "Sun Daze," Florida Georgia Line
6. "Here We Go," Alex & Sierra
7. "Rather Be (featuring Jess Glynne)," Clean Bandit
8. "Burnin' It Down," Jason Alden
9. "Habits (Stay High)," Tove Lo
10. "Chandelier," Sia

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## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks from Oct. 6-12:

1. Taylor Swift, "Shake It Off"
2. Meghan Trainor, "All About That Bass"
3. Maroon 5, "Animals"
4. Echosmith, "Cool Kids"
5. Jessie J, "Bang Bang"
6. Calvin Harris, "Blame"
7. Sam Smith, "Stay With Me"
8. Ariana Grande, "Break Free"
9. Sia, "Chandelier"
10. Iggy Azalea, "Black Widow"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Oct. 15:

1. "Transformers: Age of Extinction"
2. "Godzilla (2014)"
3. "The Fault in Our Stars"
4. "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
5. "Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow"
6. "Fed Up (2014)"
7. "Chef"
8. "The Lunchbox"
9. "Blended (2014)"
10. "Draft Day"

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## VIDEO GAMES

The editors of Game Informer rank the Top 10 handheld games for October:

1. "Super Smash Bros.," 3DS
2. "Velocity 2X," Vita
3. "Theatrhythm Final Fantasy Curtain Call," Vita
4. "Azure Striker Gunvolt," 3DS
5. "Danganronpa 2: Goodbye Despair," Vita
6. "Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney," 3DS
7. "The Swapper," Vita
8. "Rogue Legacy," Vita
9. "The Walking Dead Season 2 Episode 5: No Going Back," Vita
10. "Metrico," Vita

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## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Oct. 15:

ANDROID

1. Goal Simulator
2. Audox — Icon Pack
3. DRAGON QUEST II
4. Tower Dwellers
5. Entwined Challenge

Top 5 paid apps for Oct. 15:

APPLE

1. Five Nights at Freddy's
2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
3. Gelin Sward
4. Sleep Cycle alarm clock
5. Afterlight

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# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stars as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stars reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



## STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

- ★
**2014 VFW News Media Award** – For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.
- ★
**2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest** – Notable Narrative Winner  
 Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"
- ★
**2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)**
- ★
**2013 min Best of Web: Redesign** – Honorable Mention  
 Stripes UK website
- ★
**2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention**  
 Recipient: Joshua DeMotts
- ★
**2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those I love I will sacrifice"**
- ★
**2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation**
- ★
**2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)**  
 Recipient: Jon Rabinoff
- ★
**2010 National Headliner Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)**
- ★
**2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting**  
 Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Barton
- ★
**2009 min Editorial & Design Awards – Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009; Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER**
- ★
**2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)**  
 Recipient: Monte Morin
- ★
**2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)**  
 Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman
- ★
**2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)**  
 Recipient: Steve Lewis Photography; Terry Boyd
- ★
**2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series**
- ★
**2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist**



# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Domino's taking biggest slice of pie

By SARAH HALZACK

The Washington Post

Domino's Pizza and Pizza Hut are the titans of the \$38 billion U.S. pizza market, and at this moment, one chain is piping hot and the other is in need of reheating.

Domino's dazzled investors last week with third-quarter results that showed sales at stores open at least a year grew 7.7 percent in the United States and profits jumped 8 percent. The chain, which has 5,000 restaurants in the U.S., also said it attracted more customers and saw the average size of their tabs increase.

But things at Pizza Hut are looking decidedly less upbeat. Its parent company, Yum! Brands, said Pizza Hut's same-store U.S. sales fell 2 percent in the most recent quarter and that its operating profit for the full year is likely to fall short of initial forecasts.

So why are these companies in such dramatically different postures?

The delivery food business has

always been about convenience, and now the battle for the biggest slice of the pie is increasingly being waged online. So far,

Domino's has outmaneuvered its competitors with popular apps that is helping drive sales.

Domino's said 45 percent of its U.S. sales now come from customers ordering online and that they are running up a higher tab than people who call in their orders. In a conference call with investors Tuesday, Chief Executive J. Patrick Doyle said digital ordering capabilities are also leading to a higher volume of orders from repeat customers.

"It's ultimately about the better retention of customers, better frequency of orders from customers,

and as they have a better experience with Domino's, we get more orders from them," Doyle said.

Domino's had already been ordering capability to its mobile app in June. Before the company started advertising the feature a few weeks ago, 200,000 orders had already been placed this way. On

social media, some consumers seem befuddled by the feature, wondering how it's any improvement over ordering a pizza the old-fashioned way — by picking up the phone. But Mark Kalinowski, lead restaurant analyst for Janney Capital Markets, said the voice app could be valuable to customers because it brings consistency to the process and eliminates long hold times.

Meanwhile, Pizza Hut says that while its digital business is growing quickly, it has also acknowledged it is lagging its rivals.



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### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 20)	\$1.3153
Dollar buys (Oct. 20)	€0.7603
British pound (Oct. 20)	\$1.65
Japanese yen (Oct. 20)	103.00
South Korean won (Oct. 20)	1,035.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6186
Canada (Dollar)	1.1272
China (Yuan)	6.1243
Denmark (Krone)	6.8300
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2775/7828
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7573
Hungary (Forint)	239.25
Israel (Shekel)	3.7272
Japan (Yen)	106.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2889
Norway (Krone)	6.5383
Philippines (Peso)	44.85
Poland (Zloty)	3.30
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7513
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2744
South Korea (Won)	1,063.39
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9453
Thailand (Baht)	32.41
Turkey (Lira)	2.2455

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., U.S. dollars to other currencies), contact your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### MARKET WATCH

Oct. 17, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	263.17
	16,380.41
Nasdaq composite	41.05
	4,258.44
Standard & Poor's 500	24.00
	1,886.76
Russell 2000	-3.79
	1,082.33

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.09
6-month bill	0.09
1-year bill	0.09
30-year bond	2.97

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	77	53	Cldy	Chattanooga	67	45	Clr	Fort Wayne	52	33	PCldy	Louisville	59	40	Clr
Akron, Ohio	51	34	Cldy	Cheney	68	43	Clr	Fresno	84	61	Clr	Lubbock	72	49	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	49	40	Cldy	Cincinnati	54	36	Clr	Goodland	75	43	PCldy	Macon	73	47	Clr
Albuquerque	71	52	Cldy	Cleveland	51	36	Cldy	Grand Junction	53	31	Cldy	Medford	76	48	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	55	42	PCldy	Colorado Springs	70	39	PCldy	Great Falls	71	44	Clr	Memphis	68	51	Clr
Amarillo	73	47	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	70	48	Clr	Green Bay	54	30	Cldy	Miami Beach	85	71	Clr
Anchorage	39	33	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	72	49	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	62	44	Clr	Midland-Odesa	75	54	Cldy
Asheville	64	40	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	53	35	Clr	Harrisburg	55	42	PCldy	Milwaukee	57	37	Clr
Atlanta	69	50	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	51	32	Cldy	Hartford Spfld.	50	44	PCldy	Minneapolis	63	38	Clr
Atlantic City	60	45	PCldy	Corpus Christi	86	71	Cldy	Helen	70	43	Clr	Missoula	69	29	Clr
Austin	77	62	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	77	62	PCldy	Honolulu	85	76	Clr	Monterey	56	34	Clr
Baltimore	56	45	Cldy	Dayton	53	33	Clr	Houston	83	63	PCldy	Montgomery	74	48	Clr
Baton Rouge	80	57	Clr	Daytona Beach	82	61	Clr	Huntsville	67	43	Clr	Nashville	63	43	Clr
Billings	72	44	Clr	Denver	71	47	Clr	Indianapolis	55	35	Clr	New Orleans	79	63	Clr
Birmingham	70	46	Clr	Des Moines	65	41	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	75	48	Clr	New York City	56	46	PCldy
Bismarck	69	39	Clr	Detroit	52	34	PCldy	Jacksonville	77	56	PCldy	Newark	55	46	PCldy
Boise	76	47	Clr	Duluth	51	37	Cldy	Juneau	59	41	Clr	Norfolk, Va.	61	52	Clr
Boston	50	48	Clr	El Paso	79	60	Cldy	Kansas City	67	41	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	61	52	Clr
Bridgeport	56	45	PCldy	Elkins	48	36	Cldy	Key West	83	73	Clr	Omaha	69	41	PCldy
Brownsville	85	73	Cldy	Erie	48	37	Cldy	Knoxville	64	43	Clr	Omaha	69	41	PCldy
Buffalo	46	35	Cldy	Eugene	72	50	Cldy	Lake Charles	81	60	PCldy	Orlando	85	61	Clr
Burlington, Vt.	48	39	Clr	Evansville	67	49	Clr	Lansing	60	47	PCldy	Pasadena	72	39	Clr
Caribou, Maine	48	41	Cldy	Fairbanks	32	15	Cldy	Las Vegas	85	64	Clr	Pendleton	76	46	Clr
Casper	70	39	Clr	Fargo	67	42	PCldy	Lexington	58	40	Clr	Pearla	58	40	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	73	55	Clr	Flagstaff	64	37	Cldy	Lincoln	72	39	PCldy	Philadelphia	58	46	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	55	41	PCldy	Flint	52	31	Cldy	Little Rock	70	46	Clr	Phoenix	90	69	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	65	46	Clr	Fort Smith	71	47	PCldy	Los Angeles	76	61	PCldy	Pittsburgh	49	37	Cldy

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National temperature extremes  
Hi: Fr., 96, Terrell County, Texas  
Lo: Fr., 16, West Yellowstone, Mont.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

# Morgan hurts ankle during US victory

The Associated Press

BRIDGEVIEW, Ill. — Star forward Alex Morgan reinjured her left ankle in a U.S. qualifying match for the Women's World Cup on Friday, just months after returning from a lengthy layoff.

Morgan hurt her ankle in a collision with Guatemala defender Lundy Barrios in the 37th minute of the United States' 5-0 win in the CONCACAF Women's Championship. She will have scans to determine the extent of the injury.

"She's pretty optimistic, which is a good sign," coach Jill Ellis said. "She's a tremendous player. It would be a loss if we didn't have her."

Morgan, who has 49 goals in 77 international caps for the U.S., was sidelined for seven months after injuring the same ankle during training last October. She returned to action in June with her club, the Portland Thorns of the National Women's Soccer League.

Tobin Heath scored twice, and Carli Lloyd, Whitney Engen and Megan Rapinoe had one goal each as the U.S. improved to 2-0 in the group stage of tournament, which serves as qualifying for next year's World Cup.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo got her 75th shutout and didn't need to make a single save as the Americans outshot Guatemala 21-0.

In other soccer news:

■ Real Salt Lake goalie Nick Rimando had seven saves for his sixth shutout of the season in a 0-0 draw with the Portland Timbers on Friday night.

Portland's Donovan Ricketts made three saves to also get his sixth shutout.

Salt Lake (14-8-11) moved two points ahead of FC Dallas for third place in the Western Conference.

The Timbers (11-9-13) pulled into a tie with Vancouver for the fifth and final playoff spot in the West. Portland has one game left, while the Whitecaps have two.



NAM Y. HUN/AP

The United States' Alex Morgan is checked by a team trainer during the first half of Friday's CONCACAF Women's Championship soccer match against Guatemala in Bridgeview, Ill. The U.S. won 5-0.

## Putnam, Knox top Las Vegas leaderboard

LAS VEGAS — Andrew Putnam birdied two of the last three holes Friday for a 6-under 65 and a share of the second-round lead with Russell Knox in the U.S. PGA Tour's Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

Putnam, who birdied all three par 5s, is playing his fourth PGA Tour event after earning his tour card this year through the Web.com Tour.

Knox, from Scotland, had a 67 to match Putnam at 10-under 132 at TPC Summerlin. Knox had six birdies and two bogeys — on Nos. 2 and 3 — in the second round.

Andrew Svoboda and Tony Finau were a stroke back. Finau

shot 65, and Svoboda had a 67.

Defending champion Webb Simpson topped the group at 8 under after a 65.

In other golf news:

■ South Korean duo Hee Kyung Bae and Kyu Jung Baek both shot a 4-under 68 to take a share of the lead after the third round of the LPGA's KEB-HanaBank Championship on Saturday at Incheon, South Korea.

Both were at 5-under 211 overall, one stroke ahead of a large group that includes No. 2-ranked Inbee Park, Suzann Pettersen of Norway and overnight leader Karine Icher of France, who only managed a 73.

■ Jay Haas and Joe Durant shot 8-under 63 on Friday to share the first-round lead in the Champions Tour's Greater Hickory Kia

Classic at Conover, N.C.

Roger Chapman and Scott Dunlap shot 65. Kirk Triplett, a two-time winner this season, was another stroke back along with Bill Glasson, Mike Goodes, John Riegger and Rocco Mediate.

## Terry Labonte calling it quits after Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Terry Labonte will compete in his final NASCAR race Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway.

The two-time Cup champion ran 26 full seasons at NASCAR's top level, and a partial schedule the last decade. He first announced his retirement in 2006, at home track Texas Motor Speedway, but he's raced 41 times since.

"You know, it's only about the third time I've said this is going to be my last race," he said Saturday. "But this is really going to be the last one. It's been fun."

Labonte, who turns 58 next month, had four scheduled races this season with Go FAS Racing and good friend and crew chief/owner Frank Stoddard. All four were at Daytona and Talladega, and he finished a season-best 11th at Daytona in July.

The final start for "Texas Terry" will be the 890th of his career, which is tied for third in NASCAR. It will be his 61st start at Talladega, which is tied for the most.

Labonte won his Cup titles in 1984 and 1996, and has 22 career victories. He drove 10 full seasons for Billy Hagan, three for Junior Johnson and 11 for Rick Hendrick. He also has driven for Richard Petty, Roger Staubach/Troy Aikman, Joe Gibbs and Michael Waltrip through his career.

## Tarpishev: Williams comments were jokes

MOSCOW — Russian Tennis Federation head Shamil Tarpishev was unrepentant about the comments he made about the Williams sisters, saying Saturday they were only meant as jokes and that he doesn't understand why he was banned for a year by the WTA Tour.

Tarpishev was fined \$25,000 and suspended from tour involvement for a year after referring to Serena and Venus Williams as "brothers" on a Russian TV show and called them "scary" to look at.

Asked whether he regretted his comments, Tarpishev told The Associated Press at the Kremlin Cup that the program on which he spoke was "a humorous show," adding: "I don't answer stupid questions."

When asked about his ban, Tarpishev said: "I can't comment. I don't understand it."

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## MLB PLAYOFFS



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St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Adam Wainwright reacts to giving up a two-run home run to the Giants' Joe Panik in the third inning during Game 5 of the NL Championship Series on Thursday in San Francisco. The Giants won 6-3 and advanced to the World Series.

## Cardinals come up short for third consecutive year

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Mike Matheny has led the Cardinals deep into October all three seasons since replacing Tony La Russa as manager. When St. Louis falls short each year, he bears the weight of expectations.

An injury to Yadier Molina, shaky starting pitching by Adam Wainwright, John Lackey and Shelby Miller, a lack of clutch hitting in the middle of the batting order and defensive gaffes led to a five-game loss to San Francisco in the NL Championship Series.

"It wasn't our best ball," reliever Randy Choate said Friday as a handful of players cleaned out lockers at Busch Stadium. "It's always easy to second-guess."

And Matheny is sure to hear a lot of that this winter after bringing Michael Wacha into the ninth inning of a tied Game 5 in San Francisco. Soon after that, Travis Ishikawa hit a three-run homer to win it Thursday night.

Reliever Pat Neshek, who surrendered a tying homer to pinch-hitter Michael Morse in the eighth inning, said the mood in the losing clubhouse was "just kind of confused."

"Everybody in here thinks we're the better team, and we just wonder what the heck happened," Neshek said.

Choate ended one game with a wild throw for an error. First baseman Matt Adams had two costly mistakes in another.

"I don't want to throw a ball down the right-field line, and Mike doesn't want to make a managerial mistake," Choate said.

For the third straight year, the Cardinals finished with a three-

game losing streak.

Since the seven-game win over Texas in the 2011 World Series, the Cardinals wasted a 3-1 lead against the Giants in the 2012 NLCS, lost to Boston in a six-game World Series last year and now this.

"It's disappointing to come clean out your stuff," utilityman Daniel Descalso said. "When it ends, it always happens fast."

St. Louis finished the regular season with baseball's 11th-highest payroll at \$120 million. For now, there's frustration over roster composition and decision.

Wacha, who missed two months because of a shoulder injury, made his first postseason appearance Thursday and allowed Ishikawa's pennant-winning homer.

Matheny told Wacha earlier in the day he might need him, and the pitcher had been throwing bullpens the past few weeks without problems. After the game, Matheny told Wacha, a breakout rookie star last October, that he'd put him in a tough spot.

"He said it, but you know, I've pitched in the postseason before. I've pitched in some tough innings in some hostile environments," Wacha said. "I was ready for it, I just wasn't able to throw strikes."

Earlier in the NLCS, general manager John Mozeliak said the team might need to come up with a plan to better regulate Wainwright's workload. Counting the season, he has thrown 519½ innings the last two years.

"Clearly in Adam's case, being a veteran and with his status on the team, we haven't had to pull in the reins like we would with other pitchers," Mozeliak said. "Given everything he's done and taking the law of averages, yeah, we probably do need to think about that."

# Party like it's 1985

## Kansas City fans ecstatic at first World Series in almost 30 years

By BILL DRAPER  
The Associated Press

A KANSAS CITY, Mo. n unprecedented play-off run has Kansas City baseball fans declaring it's time to party like it's 1985, the year the Royals beat St. Louis for their only World Series title.

Given what was happening in Kansas City 29 years ago, would they really want to?

Times were tight in 1985 as the farm crisis raged on, with skyrocketing interest rates and plummeting land values putting many farmers out of business while their banks struggled to stay afloat. The NBA's Kansas City Kings packed up their bags and moved to California that year, while Union Station closed its doors following decades of neglect.

And in the heart of the city, empty buildings lined a downtown area that was only a shadow of the glitzy, nightlife-driven entertainment area much of it has become.

"1985 in some ways was Kansas City's low point — redeemed by George Brett and the guys who did a tremendous job," said Crosby Kemper III, director of the Kansas City Public Library. "It was the middle of the decline of downtown."

Unlike this season, when the Royals finally broke the longest playoff drought of any team in any major professional sport, Kansas City baseball fans in 1985 were only five years removed from the team's first World Series appearance, a six-game loss to Philadelphia in 1980.

Second baseman Frank White, whose statue now stands in the concourse beyond right field alongside those of third baseman George Brett, manager Dick Howser and owner Ewing Kauffman and his wife — all of whom were involved with the 1985 championship team — said much more than the old AstroTurf has changed since his Gold Glove career.

"It's a different game," White said. "These players are more free-spirited, while we were more on the professional side. This Royals team reminds me of a college team with a lot of things they do."

For instance, players from the 1985 team probably wouldn't have headed to the bar at Don & Light District — if there had been one back then — and picked up the tab for an hour of free drinks like first baseman Eric Hosmer did after the team's sweep of the Anaheim Angels in the American League Divisional Series.

"That was frowned upon," White said. "You didn't want the guys at the bar at times like this.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Flags fly from the Country Club Plaza shopping area in celebration of the Royals' postseason success in Kansas City, Mo., on Friday. The Royals are making their first World Series appearance in 29 years.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Royals Hall of Famer George Brett throws out the ceremonial first pitch before Game 3 of the AL championship series on Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo.

Things happen at bars, and we wanted to be more careful."

White, who was 35, married and had children at home in 1985, said he usually just went home to his family after games to get rested up for the next game.

Meanwhile, the new generation of Royals fans is much different from the crowds who cheered the team to its only championship, White said.

"They treat it more like a football game than baseball," he said, noting that today's fans stand up and yell from the first pitch, while in his era they waited until after things happened to react.

Today, a shiny round Sprint Center has replaced Kemper Arena as the city's primary entertainment venue, casino gambling is legal and Sporting Kansas City has replaced the indoor Kansas City Comets as the top area soccer team.

The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum now helps anchor a revived 18th and Vine jazz district, the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is drawing world-class performers and a new streetcar line is being built that eventually will ferry passengers from one end of downtown to the other.

While the city is eager to show off those new landmarks during the World Series coverage that will heat up with Game 1 on Tuesday night, the image of a classy, energetic fan base also is making a big impression, said Derek Klaus, a spokesman for the city's tourism organization, Visit KC.

"The greatest reward for Kansas City is the unprecedented national exposure," he said. "We're going to take advantage of that as much as we can."

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## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Montreal	5	4	1	0	8	17	15		
Ottawa	4	3	1	0	6	11	8		
Tampa Bay	5	2	2	1	5	13	8		
Detroit	4	2	2	1	5	10	8		
Toronto	5	2	3	0	4	15	18		
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	11	17		
Florida	4	1	2	1	3	4	9		
Buffalo	5	1	4	0	2	11	25		

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
N.Y. Islanders	4	3	1	0	8	19	12		
Columbus	4	3	1	0	6	13	9		
New Jersey	4	3	1	0	6	15	12		
Washington	4	2	2	0	4	16	10		
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	0	4	13	9		
N.Y. Rangers	3	1	1	1	3	11	12		
Carolina	4	0	2	2	2	10	15		
Philadelphia	4	0	2	2	2	11	16		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Nashville	4	3	0	1	7	11	6		
Chicago	3	2	0	1	5	10	6		
St. Louis	4	2	1	1	5	10	11		
Minnesota	3	1	1	1	4	9	2		
St. Louis	3	1	1	1	4	9	2		
Colorado	5	1	3	1	3	7	17		
Winnipeg	5	1	3	1	3	7	11		

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Anaheim	5	4	1	0	8	18	13		
San Jose	4	3	0	1	7	13	9		
Los Angeles	5	3	1	0	6	17	13		
Vancouver	4	3	1	0	6	16	10		
Calgary	6	3	3	0	6	15	16		
Arizona	3	2	1	0	4	12	12		
Edmonton	5	0	4	1	1	11	25		

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Thursday's games**  
 N.Y. Islanders 4, San Jose 3, SO  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Carolina 1, SO  
 Los Angeles 1, St. Louis 0, SO  
 Dallas 3, Pittsburgh 2  
 Washington 5, New Jersey 2  
 Montreal 6, Boston 4  
 Ottawa 5, Colorado 3

**Friday's games**  
 Florida 1, Buffalo 0  
 Columbus 3, Calgary 2  
 Detroit 4, Toronto 1  
 Nashville 2, Winnipeg 0  
 Vancouver 2, Edmonton 0  
 Anaheim 2, Minnesota 1

**Saturday's games**  
 Boston at Buffalo  
 Colorado at Montreal  
 Columbus at Ottawa  
 Toronto at Detroit  
 San Jose at New Jersey  
 N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh  
 Florida at Washington  
 Philadelphia at Dallas  
 Nashville at Chicago  
 St. Louis at Arizona  
 Tampa Bay at Vancouver

**Sunday's games**  
 Minnesota at Los Angeles  
 San Jose at N.Y. Rangers  
 Calgary at Winnipeg  
 St. Louis at Anaheim

**Friday**  
**Panthers 1, Sabres 0**

Florida 0 1 0-1  
 Buffalo 0 0 0-0  
 Second Period—1, Florida, Bergenheim 1 (Boyes, Kulikov), 30:1.

**Shots on Goal**—Florida 16-11-8-35.  
 Buffalo 3-9-14-26.

**Power-play opportunities**—Florida 0 of 5; Buffalo 0 of 5.  
**Goals**—Florida, Luongo 1-21 (26 shots-26 saves). Buffalo, Enroth 1-3-0 (25-28 saves).

A=17,864 (19,070). T=2:24.



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Toronto's James van Riemsdyk, bottom, and Detroit's Riley Sheahan battle during the second period of Friday's game in Toronto.

## Blue Jackets 3, Flames 2

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Calgary	5	4	1	0	8	17	15		
Columbus	4	3	1	0	6	11	8		
First Period—1, Columbus, Skille 2 (Lestestu, Calvert), 2:58; 2, Columbus, Johansen 3 (Foligno, Atkinson), 5:21 (pp).									
Second Period—3, Columbus, Calvert 1 (Lestestu, Wisniewski), 7:55.									
Third Period—4, Calgary, Raymond 4 (Glencross, Backlund), 2:21; 5, Calgary, Jovris 1 (Gordano, Brodie), 11:43.									
Shots on Goal—Calgary 6-11-14-31.									
Power-play opportunities—Calgary 0 of 4; Columbus 1 of 5.									
Goals—Calgary, Ramo 2-1-0 (26 shots-23 saves). Columbus, Bobrovsky 3-1-0 (31-29).									
A=15,987 (18,144). T=2:29.									

## Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 1

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Detroit	1	2	1	4					
Toronto	0	0	1	1					
First Period—1, Detroit, Franzen 1 (Zetterberg), 10:00.									
Second Period—2, Detroit, Franzen 2 (Zetterberg, Abdelkader), 5:42; 3, Detroit, Nyquist 4 (Zetterberg, Kind), 18:16.									
Third Period—4, Toronto, Santorelli 1 (Komarov, Clarkson), 21:5.									
Shots on Goal—Detroit 7-13-15-35.									
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 5; Toronto 0 of 2.									
Goals—Detroit, Howard 2-1-1 (24 shots-23 saves). Toronto, Reimer 2-1-0 (35-31).									
A=19,054 (18,819). T=2:31.									

## Predators 2, Jets 0

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Nashville	1	0	1	2					
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0					
First Period—1, Nashville, Ribeiro 2 (Jones, Volchenkov), 16:20.									
Second Period—2, Nashville, Neal 1 (Forsberg, Volchenkov), 7:31.									
Shots on Goal—Nashville 12-7-8-27.									
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 4; Winnipeg 0 of 3.									
Goals—Nashville, Rinne 3-0-1 (31 shots-31 saves). Winnipeg, Pavelec 1-2-0 (27-25).									
A=15,016 (15,004). T=2:23.									

## Canucks 2, Oilers 0

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vancouver	0	1	1	2					
Edmonton	0	0	0	0					
Second Period—1, Vancouver, Vrbata 3 (O.Sedin, H.Sedin), 15:48.									
Third Period—2, Vancouver, O.Sedin 1 (H.Sedin, Vrbata), 19:45 (en).									
Shots on Goal—Vancouver 12-15-3-30.									
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 3; Edmonton 0 of 4.									
Goals—Vancouver, R.Miller 3-0-0 (28 shots-26 saves). Edmonton, Scrivens 0-3-0 (29-28).									
A=16,839 (16,839). T=2:33.									

## Ducks 2, Wild 1

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Minnesota	0	1	0	1					
Anaheim	0	0	0	2					
Second Period—1, Minnesota, Zucker 2 (H.Sedin, Gallardo), 2:08.									
Third Period—2, Anaheim, Cogliano 1 (Smith-Pelly, Fowler), 4:02 (sh). 3, Anaheim, Perry 5 (Thompson), 11:35.									
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 9-7-12-28.									
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 4; Anaheim 0 of 4.									
Goals—Minnesota, Kuemper 2-1-0 (26 shots-24 saves). Anaheim, Andersen 4-0-0 (28-27).									
A=17,306 (17,174). T=2:36.									

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GARY WIEPERS/AP

Buffalo left winger Matt Moulson, left, deflects the puck as Florida goaltender Roberto Luongo makes a glove save during the third period of Friday's game in Buffalo, N.Y. Florida won 1-0.

## Roundup

# Luongo blanks Sabres, Panthers earn first win

## The Associated Press

**BUFFALO, N.Y.**—The Buffalo Sabres just can't seem to score against Roberto Luongo.

Luongo stopped 26 shots for his 67th career shutout—fourth against Buffalo—to lead the Florida Panthers to a 1-0 win over the Sabres on Friday night for their first victory of the season.

Luongo, who moved past Patrick Roy into sole possession of 13th place on the career shutouts list, extended his scoreless streak against the Sabres to 183 minutes, 19 seconds.

"It's crazy," Luongo said. "I don't know if it's a comfort level thing or whatnot, but it's nice especially to get our first win like that."

Sean Bergenheim scored in the second period for the game's only goal, sending an odd-angled wrist shot between Mike Weber's legs and past Sabres goalie Jhonas Enroth.

Enroth finished with 34 saves for Buffalo.

Florida coach Gerard Gallant got his first win with the Panthers.

"It's good," Gallant said. "It's not fun when you lose but it's a fresh year. Still a bit of a slower start but this is a big road trip to get things going the right way."

The Panthers had the first six shots of the game before Buffalo went on a power play and forced Luongo into his first two saves of the night.

A giveaway in his own slot by

Marcus Foligno gave Tomas Fleisschmann a 1-on-1 with Enroth midway through the first, but the Sabres' goalie made a right pad save to keep the game scoreless.

Luongo was called upon to make a pair of close-range shots on Matt Moulson early in the second.

Foligno had a wraparound attempt in the third period's first minute, but Luongo slid over to stop the puck with his left pad. "You got that guy back there and your team is so much more confident," said Panthers defenseman Erik Gudbranson. "He made really good saves all night. It's amazing how he tracks the puck within those scrambles and is able to come up with pretty key saves."

Buffalo again had a slow start, with just three first-period shots on goal.

**Canucks 2, Oilers 0:** Ryan Miller made 28 saves to record his 30th career shutout and improve to 9-0 in his career against host Edmonton.

Radim Vrbata and Daniel Sedin scored for the Canucks, who got their season-opening third straight win.

The Oilers are winless in five games for their worst start in club history.

**Predators 2, Jets 0:** Pekka Rinne made 31 saves for his 33rd NHL shutout and Nashville spoiled Winnipeg's home opener.

Predators newcomer Mike Ribeiro scored in the first period,

and James Neal connected in the third for Nashville.

Rinne played only 24 games last season because of a hip injury.

**Blue Jackets 3, Flames 2:** Jack Skille, Ryan Johansen and Matt Calvert scored goals and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 29 shots for host Columbus.

The Flames, five games into a six-game road trip after opening at home, threatened to tie the end.

The Blue Jackets were 4-for-4 on the penalty kill to stay perfect this season in nine attempts.

**Red Wings 4, Maple Leafs 1:** Johan Franzen scored twice and Henrik Zetterberg had four assists. Gustav Nyquist and Justin Abdelkader also scored and Jimmy Howard stopped 23 shots for visiting Detroit.

Mike Santorelli scored for Toronto, ending Howard's shutout bid in the opening minute of the third period. James Reimer finished with 31 saves for the Maple Leafs.

**Ducks 2, Wild 1:** Andrew Cogliano ended visiting Minnesota's season-long shutout streak with a short-handed goal early in the third period, and Corey Perry got the tiebreaking goal with 8:25 left to lift Anaheim.

Frederik Andersen made 27 saves in the fourth consecutive victory for the Ducks, who made a dynamic rally to win their home opener.

Zucker scored and Kuemper stopped 24 shots for the Wild.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Winston complies with first deadline

By KAREEM COPELAND  
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Jameis Winston has complied with the first deadline in Florida State's code of conduct hearing process, the adviser for the quarterback's family said Friday.

Lawyer David Cornwell said in a statement that Winston will cooperate with the procedure but will not "waive our right to challenge any aspect of this process."

Winston is facing a hearing to determine whether four sections of the code of conduct have been violated — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment. A former female student said he sexually assaulted her in December 2012.

Winston was required to strike one of three former Florida Supreme Court Justices from a list that will produce the hearing official. He also had to give possible reasons for an information session that will precede the formal hearing.

Cornwell requested more information from the woman, including the record from the code of conduct hearing involving football players Chris Casher and Ronald Darby and "all of her prior statements regarding her sexual relationship with Mr. Winston, access to her social media accounts from 2012/2013, and her phone and text message records the night of and the days following the alleged incident."

The woman's lawyer, John Clune, said Cornwell wants to turn this into a "media circus."

"We would think his client has had enough of that lately," Clune said in an email. "Both sides will get the same information from the school, both will be able to testify, and the judge will decide. We are not going to allow a whole new disciplinary process just for Jameis Winston."

Both parties can view all materials related to the case at the information session and get details about the process and their rights.

Winston was not arrested in relation to the sexual assault allegations, and Florida State attorney Willie Meggs declined to file charges against Winston last December, citing a lack of evidence.

The AP does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual abuse.

It remains unclear when the formal hearing will take place. The sides must present possible dates for the hearing at the information session, and the university then can set a date. But once a date is specified, either side could request postponements for reasons that would have to be individually reviewed.

Rules specify a formal decision letter must be sent to Winston within 10 class days after the hearing ends. That time limit could be extended "if additional consideration of evidence, and deliberation is required." FSU spokeswoman Barbara Brooks explained in an email.



JERRY LARSON, WACO TRIBUNE HERALD/AP

Baylor wide receiver KD Cannon, left, scores past TCU cornerback Corry Omeally on Oct. 11 in Waco, Texas. Baylor won 61-58

## Which statistics matter?

### High-scoring offenses redefining what's important

By STEVE MEGARGEE  
The Associated Press

**T**he numbers keep going higher and higher.

When Baylor's Bryce Petty threw for 510 yards last week to rally the Bears to a 61-58 victory over TCU, it marked the 12th time this season a quarterback has passed for at least 500 yards. That represents the most 500-yard passing performances in one season since at least 1996, the earliest year STATS has on record for that particular statistic. Nine different quarterbacks have produced those dozen 500-yard efforts.

Petty's big night came one week after Washington State's Connor Halliday threw for a Bowl Subdivision-record 734 yards in a 60-59 loss to California and four weeks after Bowling Green attempted 113 offensive plays — two shy of the FBS record — in a 45-42 victory over Indiana.

For some coaches, all these staggering numbers are redefining which stats matter and which aren't as relevant anymore. "We don't even worry about yards," Arizona State coach Todd Graham said. "I don't think total yards really matter that much anymore with these fast-paced no-huddle offenses. In our offense, we're concerned with snaps. We'd like to have 90-plus snaps — definitely want to have 85-plus — and we want to score points. That's it. That's our whole deal."

This new era also has changed what scores are acceptable for a defense nowa-



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

**Arizona State coach Todd Graham wants his offense to have at least 85 snaps per game, but would prefer 90 or more.**

days. For instance, Southern California ran 95 offensive plays in a 38-34 loss to Arizona State on Oct. 4. Graham didn't mind allowing 34 punts under those circumstances, particularly since one of USC's touchdowns came on a punt return.

"If they run 85 snaps and you hold them to 35 points, you probably played pretty well," Graham said. "That's a lot of snaps and a lot of opportunities. That's what we're

shooting for. We're trying to extend and create a fifth quarter. That's what you're seeing, is a fifth quarter being created by all these teams."

There already have been 15 instances this season of a team attempting at least 100 offensive plays in a game, according to STATS. Last year, there were only 16 all season. Since 1996, the record for that statistic is 20 in 2012.

Extending the game has made comebacks much more common.

Baylor's rally from a 21-point, fourth-quarter deficit against TCU marked the fifth time this season a team had won a game after trailing by at least 20 points. There have been 33 comebacks of that magnitude since the start of the 2011 season, according to STATS. There were only 25 during the four-year stretch from 2007-10.

Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez, whose team rallied from 22 points down in a 49-45 victory over California, said the quality of the skill players has improved.

"Quarterbacks and receivers are coming out of high school so much more prepared in the passing game than ever before," he said. "A lot of it is because so many high school programs are doing such a great job of that and kids are playing 7-on-7 in the summer so they have a little bit of a concept of throwing the ball and catching the ball more coming into college than they've ever had."

AP Sports Writer Kristie Rieken in College Station, Texas, contributed to this report.



## NFL

# Remember their name

## Opponents won't be forgetting Dallas 'D'

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas  
Jeremy Mincey, meet Eli Manning. Or maybe that's a conversation that can happen in the backfield Sunday if the Dallas defensive end gets his first sack when Manning and the New York Giants visit the Cowboys.

Manning meant no disrespect, but he just didn't recognize a lot of the names when he started watching video of a defense that doesn't have DeMarcus Ware, Jason Hatcher or Sean Lee.

It's the same unit that just held Super Bowl champion Seattle to season lows in all three yardage categories and first downs — and reason No. 2 behind NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray for why the Cowboys (5-1) are tied for the league's best record.

"When I was just looking at the film, didn't quite know who everybody was because for a number of years you had some staples with Ware and Hatcher," Manning said. "I did notice that they're all playing very, very well."

Executive vice president Stephen Jones said during training camp the Cowboys could have a "no-name type defense," so it is working out that way? And if so, is that OK?

"I don't care," said linebacker Justin Durant, who signed as a free agent for depth a year ago but has played much more of a leading role this season. "We can be the no-namers. As long as we're winning, I don't



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch is tackled by the Cowboys' Rolando McClain (55), Jeremy Mincey (92) and Justin Durant (52) last Sunday in Seattle.

care."

Mincey actually fits the profile better than most because technically he's the one who replaced Ware at right end. The former Jacksonville starter who played in the Super Bowl with Denver last season signed with the Cowboys not long after they dumped Ware in a salary cap move.

Not only does Mincey lack the name recognition, but he has 101 fewer career sacks.

"Ware's as phenomenal a player as they come, but you can't count out the heart of a man, either," Mincey said. "I play to win. That same spirit is just moving around the

team now. The 'W' is the biggest stat of the day for me."

The closest thing to a big name at the moment is linebacker Rolando McClain, a former top-10 pick who was traded for a late-round draft pick not long before training camp following Lee's season-ending knee injury.

So maybe this no-name thing works in a different sort of way.

"It'd be harder to game plan a bunch of unknowns," Mincey said. "You don't know who's going to rise to the occasion next, so I think it's a special thing."

## Jets look to reverse slide

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Credit the New York Jets with pushing the Patriots to the limit. Also credit them with another loss.

The Jets' sixth straight defeat after an opening victory came in what was one of their better performances of a dismal season. Coach Rex Ryan isn't taking much solace from that.

"It's been a big failure, obviously," Ryan said Friday of his team's record. "The season's not over, but you don't want to be 1-6. If you had asked me, I was thinking we'd be the other way — we expect to win every game. Obviously, we are not finding ways to win."

"We have done some good things, haven't done it for 60 minutes."

So what's next?

First off, the Jets traded with Seattle for receiver Percy Harvin, also an outstanding kick returner. Harvin is battling a thigh problem and has been injury prone throughout his career, but could be a significant weapon for New York when healthy.

The Jets have some extra time to prepare for a home game against Buffalo, but they really can't breathe much easier because the schedule lightens up. Of course, it can't get much harder than facing Aaron Rodgers, Matthew Stafford, Jay Cutler, Philip Rivers, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady in succession.

## LG Robinson excited to be Rams' starter

By WARREN MAYES  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Getting his first NFL start was no game-day surprise for Greg Robinson. Early in the practice week, the St. Louis Rams told the second overall pick in this year's draft he'd be in there against the San Francisco 49ers.

Now, the guard will try to build on that solid debut.

"When coach (Paul) Boudreau called me to office early that morning early in the week, I thought I was in trouble," Robinson said. "I thought I did something wrong and he said, 'We're going to start you.'"



Robinson

However, Boudreau asked him to keep the news quiet. He thought it would give the Rams an edge against San Francisco. So there was the former Auburn standout, making his first NFL start at left guard alongside left tackle Jake Long. Across the line from them was Pro Bowl end Justin Smith.

"I was studying them throughout the week," Robinson said. "It was just kind of smart on our part and it helped. I really felt prepared well throughout the week."

The Rams drafted Robinson, who was a tackle in college, over three other linemen who are starting — Jake Matthews at Atlanta, Taylor Lewan at Tennessee, and Zack Martin at Dallas. Robinson saw action in just a few plays on the offensive line in the Rams' first four games. He also did some special teams work.

It seemed a step back for such a high draft pick. St. Louis selected the 6-foot-5, 332-pound Robinson for his size and ability to run block.

It was frustrating for Robinson to sit and watch but he kept working and eventually replaced Davin Joseph at guard. That shuffled the line. Rodger Safford moved to right guard, where Joseph had been starting in the first four games.

Robinson earned the start, Rams coach Jeff Fisher said.

"He's come on. He's progressed over the last few weeks," Fisher said. "I had a good week of practice and I thought Greg did good for his first start and he's only going to get better."

Joseph said he holds no ill will toward the rookie.

"He's here to play, and he's gonna play," said Joseph, who came to St. Louis as a free agent from Tampa Bay. "If there's anything we can do for him, I will do for him. He's a great player."

Brian Schottenheimer, the Rams' offensive coordinator, liked what he saw from Robinson against the 49ers.

"I thought he did pretty good, I really did. You saw a big, physical guy," Schottenheimer said. "It was fun to watch him match up with Justin Smith, another big, physical guy. I thought it was winning performance for his first time out there."

Start No. 2 will come Sunday when the defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks visit St. Louis.

Robinson said he realizes he has much work to do.

"After watching the film, there was a lot of good, a lot of bad, and a lot of things I had to learn from," Robinson said. "It's just a start and I plan on getting better and working hard each week."



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

New York tight end Jeff Cumberland celebrates his touchdown catch against the Patriots on Thursday. The Jets might have played their best game of the season against New England, but it still wasn't enough. The Patriots won 27-25 after a blocked Jets field-goal attempt.

## NFL



TOM GANNAM/AP

The Rams, led by head coach Jeff Fisher, right, have squandered nine cushions their last two home games, the latest against the 49ers on Monday night. St. Louis' third year under coach Fisher thus far has been a bust.

# Looking for answers

## League's bottom six teams have collective 4-31 record

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

For all the excitement over the rise of the Cowboys, improvement of the Browns and impressive performances by the Chargers, the NFL also is weighed down by seven very weak teams.

Sure, the Raiders and Jaguars weren't expected to do much, and both still have shots at matching Detroit's 0-16 record of 2008. But did anyone expect the Buccaneers, Jets, Rams and Redskins to be so bad?

What's gone wrong in California, Florida, D.C., Missouri and the Meadowlands, with teams that are collectively 4-31?

**Oakland (0-5):** The only team to fire its coach so far, the Raiders come off their best performance in a 31-28 loss to San Diego as Tony Sparano debuted as Dennis Allen's replacement.

Oakland spent freely, if not wisely, in the offseason; the joke around the NFL was that GM Reggie McKenzie had built quite a contender — for 2009. Most of the veteran additions have not worked out.

On offense, the team might have found its quarterback in rookie Derek Carr, but Oakland still has scored the fewest points, averaging less than 16 a game in a high-scoring league.

**Jacksonville (0-6):** The Jaguars have their QB of the future in third overall selection Blake Bortles, but he's working with no help. Their offense is even more measly than

Oakland's, they don't have a receiver in the top 20 in catches or yards receiving, and they've rushed for a total of 417 yards.

"We're getting closer and closer and closer, but we just haven't done enough to earn it yet," said coach Gus Bradley, who is starting eight rookies on offense. "I think that's what our team is trying to figure out: what else can we do?"



**Tampa Bay (1-5):** This might be the most disappointing situation of all the cellar dwellers.

Not only did the Buccaneers bring in a proven coach in Lovie Smith, but they seemed to have a solid talent base everywhere. Things would be more peaceful and productive under Smith than in predecessor Greg Schiano's stormy regime. Josh McCown would fill the chasm at quarterback so Mike Glennon could watch and learn. Doug Martin was back to handle the running duties.

Smith is a defensive wizard, but the Bucs rank last in that area.

All part of the transition, he believes. "I think experience teaches you a lot. ... I've been in this situation before a few different times, and I just believe in what we're going to do. But when you're just starting off, there is a reason there's something new starting off," Smith said.

**Jets (1-6):** The focus on the quarterback situation — which admittedly is pretty poor right now — has Jets fandom ignoring one other major problem: Rex Ryan's defense hasn't been very consistent, and whenever it doesn't pressure the quarterback, the defense is a sieve. The secondary is particularly weak.



Plus, the Jets don't have the offense to overcome many defensive deficiencies — although did add speedy receiver/kick returner Percy Harvin on Friday in a trade with Seattle. They showed that by not getting into the end zone enough despite moving the ball with regularity against New England.



**Rams (1-4):** Jeff Fisher's third season at the helm has been distressing, but unlike some of the other coaches of these messes, Fisher has a decent excuse.

The Rams have been ravaged by injuries, including losing starting quarterback Sam Bradford in the pre-season. Their receiving group is so-so and will remain that way until Tavon Austin contributes.

Worst of all, a team with Robert Quinn leading a staunch pass rush has produced one sack — and not by Quinn. Can DE Chris Long's absence mean that much? Or are the complex defensive schemes of coordinator Gregg Williams too complicated?



**Redskins (1-5):** Washington's situation is similar to the Rams. Robert Griffin III went out in Week 2 and back-up Kirk Cousins has struggled. Injuries have struck everywhere, and the Redskins are minus-9 in turnover differential, as bad as it gets.

The running game needs to carry this team: Alfred Morris is capable of doing so while RG3 tries to get his game back. But it hasn't happened in great part because the line isn't opening holes.

The Redskins also struggle with fundamentals: sloppy tackling and penalties. And their special teams are mediocre.

# Seattle ships WR Harvin to New York

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, New Jersey — The New York Jets announced Saturday they have acquired wide receiver Percy Harvin from the Seattle Seahawks for a conditional draft pick.

Harvin, a star in last season's Super Bowl but injury prone, brings versatility and game-breaking skills to the Jets (1-6).

New York released receiver David Nelson to make room for Harvin.

General manager John Idzik called Harvin a "dynamic player who has been productive on offense and special teams."

The 26-year-old Harvin has played in 60 games with only 47 career starts since being a first-round pick by Minnesota in 2009. He was traded to the Seahawks in 2013, appearing in one regular-season game because of hip surgery. But he ran back the second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown in Seattle's 43-8 win over Denver in the Super Bowl.

New York gave up a conditional draft pick. The deal was first reported by Fox Sports.

Harvin has battled a thigh injury and was listed as questionable for the Seahawks' game at St. Louis this weekend. The Seahawks have tried to find a variety of ways to use him in their offense as a runner, receiver and on special teams, but injury woes slowed their plans.

This season, Harvin has 22 receptions for 133 yards, with 12 of those catches coming behind the line of scrimmage. His average of 6 yards per catch is last among all wide receivers in the NFL averaging at least two receptions per game.

He also has 11 runs for 92 yards and a touchdown, and 12 kickoff returns for 283 yards.

New York's offense has struggled and the Jets have lost six straight since opening with a win over Oakland. Harvin figures to team with Eric Decker and Jeremy Kerley as the Jets' main weapons in a so far weak passing game with Geno Smith at quarterback.

As a rookie, Harvin made the Pro Bowl and was named the Offensive Rookie of the Year. His best season was 2011 with 87 receptions for 967 yards and six TDs. He also rushed for 345 yards and two scores, and averaged 32.5 yards per kickoff return.

AP Sports Writer Tim Booth and freelance writer Curtis Crabtree in Seattle contributed to this report.



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

THE NEW YORK JETS ACQUIRED WIDE RECEIVER PERCY HARVIN FROM THE SEAHAWKS IN EXCHANGE FOR A CONDITIONAL DRAFT PICK ON THURSDAY.



# GAME DAY

WEEK 7

TELEVISED GAMES



Carolina Panthers (3-2-1)  
at Green Bay Packers (4-2)

AFN-Atlantic

7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Packers lead 7-4.

**Last meeting:** Aaron Rodgers threw for 308 yards and 2 TDs as the Packers won 30-23 at Carolina on Sept. 18, 2011.

**Notes:** In his only meeting with Green Bay, Panthers QB Cam Newton passed for 432 yards with a passing and rushing TD ... Rodgers is the only player in NFL history with 15 TDs and 1 or 0 INTs in the first six games ... Packers RB Eddie Lacy has three rushing TDs in his last three games.



Kansas City Chiefs (2-3)  
at San Diego Chargers (5-1)

AFN-Sports

10 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Chargers lead 54-52-1 and have won the past four.

**Last meeting:** Chargers won 27-24 on Dec. 29, 2013.

**Notes:** In his past six vs. the Chargers, Chiefs RB Jamaal Charles has 6 TDs (5 rushing, 1 receiving). ... In the past five games, Chargers QB Philip Rivers has completed 117 of 163 passes for 1,518 yards with 14 TDs and 1 INT.

## Marquee matchup

### New Orleans Saints (2-3) at Detroit Lions (4-2)

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. Sunday Central European Time

**SERIES RECORD:** Saints lead 11-9-1 and have won the past three.

**LAST MEETING:** Saints beat the Lions 45-28 on Jan. 7, 2012, in an NFC wild-card game at New Orleans.

**SAINTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (2), RUSH (8), PASS (2).

**SAINTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (23), RUSH (16), PASS (25).

**LIONS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (23), RUSH (29), PASS (14).

**LIONS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (1), RUSH (2), PASS (1).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Saints QB Drew Brees is 4-0 vs. Detroit (including playoffs), completing 115 of 153 (75.2 percent) for 1,517 yards with 14 TDs and 1 INT for a 133.8 rating. In the Sept. 13, 2009 meeting, Brees passed for 358 yards and 6 TDs. Since joining New

Orleans in 2006, he leads the NFL with 40,307 passing yards and 292 TD passes. ... Since 2011, Jimmy Graham leads NFL TE's with 304 catches, 3,883 yards and 39 TDs. ... WR Brandin Cooks leads NFL rookies with 32 catches. ... DE Cameron Jordan has 13 1/2 sacks in his past 20 games. ... Lions QB Matthew Stafford has 788 passing yards in the past two meetings with the Saints. Since 2011, he ranks second in the NFL with 16,247 passing yards. ... RB Reggie Bush was the No. 2 overall pick by New Orleans in 2006. He played there for five seasons and had 33 TDs (17 rushing, 12 receiving, 4 punt return). RBs Joique Bell (rushing) and Theo Riddick (receiving) each had a TD last week ... In the 2012 wild-card game, WR Calvin Johnson had 12 catches for 211 yards and 2 TDs. In the past 16 games at home he has 109 catches for 1,926 yards and 10 TDs. ... WR Golden Tate leads the team in receptions (38) and receiving yards (495).



**Lions QB Matthew Stafford has averaged 394 passing yards in his past two games against the Saints.**

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New York Giants (3-3)  
at Dallas Cowboys (5-1)

AFN-Atlantic

10:25 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Cowboys lead 59-42-2 and have won three of the past four.

**Last meeting:** Cowboys won 24-21 on Nov. 24, 2013.

**Notes:** Giants QB Eli Manning has started 157 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NFL ... RB Andre Williams leads NFC rookies with 228 rushing yards ... The Cowboys are 5-1 for the first time since 2007 ... RB DeMarco Murray leads the league with 785 rushing yards and 6 TDs.



San Francisco 49ers (4-2)  
at Denver Broncos (4-1)

AFN-Sports

2:20 a.m. Monday CET

Series: Tied 6-6; 49ers have won the past two.

**Last meeting:** 49ers won 24-16 on Oct. 31, 2010, in London.

**Notes:** 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick has won six of seven starts vs. AFC teams ... Broncos QB Peyton Manning needs three TD passes to surpass Brett Favre (508) for the most in NFL history ... Broncos WR Emmanuel Sanders has at least 100 yards receiving three of past four games.

## REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Atlanta at Baltimore  
Tennessee at Washington  
Seattle at St. Louis  
Cleveland at Jacksonville  
Cincinnati at Indianapolis  
Minnesota at Buffalo  
Miami at Chicago  
Arizona at Oakland  
Open: Philadelphia, Tampa Bay  
Monday  
Houston at Pittsburgh

## Thursday, Oct. 23

San Diego at Denver  
Sunday, Oct. 26  
Detroit vs. Atlanta at London  
St. Louis at Kansas City  
Houston at Tennessee  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay  
Seattle at Carolina  
Baltimore at Cincinnati  
Miami at Jacksonville  
Chicago at New England  
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets  
Philadelphia at Arizona  
Oakland at Cleveland  
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh  
Green Bay at New Orleans  
Open: N.Y. Giants, San Francisco  
Monday, Oct. 27  
Washington at Dallas

## Also on AFN:

Arizona Cardinals (4-1) at Oakland Raiders (0-5), AFN-Xtra, (joined in progress) midnight Sunday CET.

## EXPANDED STANDINGS

### American Conference

W	L	T	East				AFC	NFC	Div
			Pct	PA	Home	Away			
5	2	0	.714	187	154	3-0-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	1-0-0
3	0	0	.500	118	126	1-2-0	2-1-0	1-3-0	2-0-0
2	3	0	.400	120	124	1-2-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	0-1-0
1	6	0	.143	121	185	1-3-0	0-3-0	1-3-0	0-3-0
South									
4	2	0	.667	189	136	2-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0	0-1-0
3	3	0	.500	132	120	1-1-0	2-2-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
2	4	0	.333	104	153	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	0-1-0
0	6	0	.000	81	185	0-2-0	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-2-0
North									
3	1	1	.700	134	113	2-0-1	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-0-0
4	2	0	.667	164	97	2-1-0	2-1-0	2-2-0	2-0-0
3	2	0	.600	134	115	2-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	1-0-0
3	3	0	.500	124	139	1-1-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	1-1-0
West									
5	1	0	.833	164	91	3-0-0	2-1-0	4-0-0	1-1-0
4	1	0	.800	147	104	3-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	1-1-0
3	3	0	.400	119	101	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0
0	5	0	.000	79	134	0-3-0	0-2-0	0-5-0	0-0-0

### National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	183	132	4-0-0	1-1-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	165	126	2-1-0	3-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	.500	133	138	2-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Washington	1	5	0	.167	132	166	1-2-0	0-3-0	0-4-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
North											
Carolina	3	2	1	.583	141	157	2-1-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	0-2-1	1-0-0
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	132	141	2-0-0	0-3-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Atlanta	2	4	0	.333	164	170	2-1-0	0-3-0	2-3-0	0-1-0	2-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	120	204	0-3-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-1-0	0-3-0
South											
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	116	82	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	130	2-0-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	143	144	0-2-0	3-1-0	2-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	104	143	1-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	0-1-0	0-2-0
West											
Arizona	4	1	0	.800	116	106	3-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	141	123	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	133	113	2-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0
St. Louis	1	4	0	.200	101	150	0-3-0	1-1-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	0-1-0



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